

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

The Malenkov
Upheaval

IT may be sometime before the smoke clears away from the Malenkov resignation explosion and allows the world to appreciate the real meaning of the dramatic changes in the Soviet hierarchy in terms of Russian international policies. Snap judgments may prove to be misleading.

First speculation in the West seems to lean heavily towards the belief that a new era of "Stalinism" is about to begin, and with it a toughening of Soviet international policy, with an attendant heightening of the cold war.

But short of outright belligerency it is difficult to see how Russia can become much tougher in her dealings with the Free World than she has been to date. The Malenkov regime can hardly be said to have displayed a "soft" attitude, and if it is the intention of Bulganin and his conferees to intensify the cold war, they will run the obvious risk of forcing themselves into a position from which they will find diplomatic retreat impossible.

In some quarters there is a tendency to discount Malenkov's official reasons for resigning the premiership—failure of the current Soviet agricultural programme. Nevertheless the recent criticisms of both the Russian agricultural and industrial expansion projects reported from the Soviet newspapers provide a good indication that all is far from satisfactory so far as the nation's internal economy and prosperity are concerned.

What can be accepted as certain is that the Malenkov upheaval is a manifestation of the struggle for power which has been going on within the Kremlin hierarchy since the death of Stalin. The first showdown was the removal of Beria, and although Malenkov is removed from his key post in a more graceful manner, his eclipse has only one meaning—his political foes have won an important victory.

MARSHAL Bulganin has been elected Malenkov's successor, but again it will need time to show whether he occupies the post on personal merits, or whether he is merely a "front" for Party Secretary Khrushchev.

Khrushchev has conducted his career along lines not dissimilar to Stalin. His power and influence as First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party are undoubted. He may not find it as easy to seize absolute power as did Stalin, who stepped direct from Khrushchev's office into the dictatorship of the Soviet Union. But it is clear that Khrushchev is in a position to break or make the future of other ruling members of the Kremlin, and that whoever holds the office of Premier, whether nominally or effectively, must give ear to what Khrushchev says and proposes.

There is another important consideration. What effect is the Kremlin upheaval going to have on Russia's satellites and friends? Considerable attention will be devoted in the near future to the changes, if any, in the relations between Moscow and Peking. Any abrupt realignment of interests is unlikely. But the new set-up could have an important impact on the Chinese Communist government, and Peking's considered reactions will be watched with great interest.

Atomic
Bomber
Crashes

4 FEARED DEAD

New York, Feb. 8. A B-36 intercontinental atomic bomber crashed, exploded and burned on the main runway at Carswell Air Force base, Fort Worth, Texas, tonight and four men were feared dead. There were 15 survivors.

Flames shot so far into the air when the huge super-bomber exploded that they were "clearly visible for a distance of 15 miles," said Major Robert Spence, Carswell Public Relations Officer.

The B-36 was stationed at Biggs Air Force Base, El Paso, Texas, and was on a regular training flight when it crashed on the north end of the main runway at 7.55 p.m. EST and exploded and burned a few seconds after impact.

Major Spence said 15 survivors were rushed to Carswell Base Hospital.

"Four persons are feared dead," he said.

The huge aeroplane, which costs \$3,500,000 to construct but is no longer being built, was destroyed by the fire which was extinguished within an hour.—United Press.

Air Disaster
In Nigeria

London, Feb. 8. Thirteen people were killed when a West African Airways corporation airliner crashed on a flight between Enugu and Calabar, in Eastern Nigeria, yesterday.

Three of the crew of four and seven passengers were killed.

Passengers with British addresses were: Mrs. W. M. Ansell, of London; Colonel E. W. Rumsey, of the Labour Department, Lagos, who comes from Rugby; Mr. A. Beith, of a Lagos agency, who comes from Southampton; Mrs. L. R. Armstrong, of Iko, Lagos, whose home town is Edinburgh; Mr. O. C. Chaplain, of 68th Avenue, Eastbourne; Mr. J. Kneerek, whose sister, Mrs. Lucy Fernandez, lives at 24 Elmfield Avenue, Teddington, Middlesex; and Radio Officer D. M. Stott, whose home address was given as Waterleas Lane, Ripley.

The plane was on a flight from Lagos to Tiko, in the British Cameroons.—Reuters.

Deal On For
Burnt-out Ship

Singapore, Feb. 8. Negotiations for the sale of the burnt-out hulk of the Danish freighter Lexa Maersk to a Hongkong firm are in their final stages, it was learned today.

An executive of the Chiap Hua Manufacturing Company of Hongkong has been in Singapore for a week, negotiating with Mr. M. M. Moller, who arrived a few days ago from the Maersk Line head office in Copenhagen.

Both parties to the negotiations will not confirm the sale of the vessel but an informed source said that the price is in the neighbourhood of \$500,000.—Reuters.

No Conference Without
Nationalists Says US

Washington, Feb. 8. The United States government could not agree to participate in an international conference on Formosa, from which Nationalist China would be excluded, informed sources said here today.

Such a conference to discuss the possibility of a ceasefire in the Formosa Straits, was reportedly suggested to Great Britain and India by Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov.

The source said the United States could not agree to participate in a conference from which Nationalist China would be excluded.

DEFENCE PLAN
Meeting Global And
Small War Threats
BIG DECISIONS REACHED AT
PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

From JAMES WICKENDEN

London, Feb. 8. An integrated and detailed Commonwealth defence plan emerges as the chief achievement of the Commonwealth Premiers' meeting. It aims to forge the Commonwealth as a single weapon to meet a possible global thermo-nuclear war, and the existing Communist military-propaganda subversions, together with its allies, including America.

This policy largely derives from an expert reappraisal of war strategy which has been going on in Britain for some months, an outline of whose basic principles will shortly be published in Britain in a White Paper on defence.

The plan has two levels—global war and the small war. To encompass both possibilities a clear and unanimously agreed line has been drawn round the vulnerable areas of the Commonwealth. A crossing of them by an aggressor will be an automatic signal for combined Commonwealth action.

To meet the small war threat a new technique of strategy will soon develop. It is to unite under single commands the military, economic and political means of defence within specific areas.

The first of these commands is likely to be formed in South-east Asia—an area examined by the Premiers in great detail. The first step will be a new style General Staff, and will probably grow from the existing ANZAM organisation—a post-war planning staff in Singapore based on a combined New Zealand, Australian and British defence of Malaya, Borneo and New Guinea.

The Middle East is the second area likely to be developed on these lines.

To meet global war, the Premiers do not favour a Commonwealth General Staff. The existing Commonwealth understanding between the General Staffs makes it unnecessary, but it is expected the Premiers' military advisers will meet more frequently in future. By this plan the Premiers have made a giant, unprecedented stride in Commonwealth unity. But it is emphasised they are plans only. Their execution depends on ratification or acceptance in the individual countries of the Commonwealth after the Premiers' return. The general result, however, will be a strong, unified Commonwealth, able to deliver a swift and heavy punch against any threats to its territories.—London Express Service.

MALAYA'S SECURITY

London, Feb. 8. The Commonwealth Prime Ministers, in a statement tonight about defence talks they have had in London during the past week, stressed "the vital importance" of the security of Malaya and Ceylon were not involved in the various series of defence talks.

The statement said in full: "While the Commonwealth Prime Ministers were in London the opportunity was taken to hold a series of meetings on regional defence problems. These meetings covered the main areas in which the forces of Commonwealth countries may

have to be deployed in the event of war.

"Each was attended by representatives of those Commonwealth countries whose forces might in war be operating in the particular area under discussion. Their purpose was to enable the representatives of those countries to join together in reviewing the plans for the defence of each area."

"The representatives of the Commonwealth countries concerned with those regional defence plans recognised that the advent of thermo-nuclear weapons involves fundamental changes in the strategic approach to defence problems."

BASIC PRINCIPLE

"They agreed that the overwhelming superiority of the Western Powers in nuclear weapons offers at the present time the most effective and practical assurance that world peace will not be disturbed by any deliberate act of aggression. They agreed that their defence policies should be founded on the principle that world war can be prevented if the free democracies are resolved to maintain in readiness forces sufficiently strong to deter any potential aggressor."

"In Europe great progress has already been made in building up the defensive shield provided by the forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Powers; and the Commonwealth representatives who took part in these discussions welcomed the steps which are being taken to increase the strength of those forces by a military contribution from Western Germany."

"The defence problems of the Middle East were reviewed in the light of recent developments and agreement was reached on the basis for a new approach to defence planning in this area."

SOUTHEAST ASIA

"Discussion of the defence problems of Southeast Asia covered plans to help the countries in that area not only to resist aggression but also to strengthen their internal security."

"The four Commonwealth countries which are signatories of the Manila Treaty, took this opportunity of reviewing, in preparation for the forthcoming conference at Bangkok, progress in making that treaty an effective instrument for these purposes."

"The opportunity was taken to discuss as one element in the defence of the Manila Treaty area, security of Malaya which is regarded by the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand as of vital importance."

"The agreed position of the area was clarified by these discussions and it was considered that in future joint planning among the three governments and discussions with other participating countries in the Manila Treaty would go forward more effectively."

"Throughout these regional defence discussions it was accepted that military plans must be concerned with other countries involved in the defence of the Commonwealth."

"The Commonwealth countries concerned also recognise the need for the closest association with the United States in all defence measures."

"They agreed that on this basis regional defence planning can afford a solid foundation for the preservation of peace."—Reuters.

Heartbreak
May Have Led
To Death

Southampton, Feb. 8. A 35-year-old Briton, found dead with gun shot wounds in his bunk in the giant American luxury liner United States at sea six days ago, may have killed himself because a Japanese girl broke off her engagement to him.

This was suggested at the inquest here tonight on Norman Edward Comber, who lived in the village of Thundersley in Essex.

The coroner returned an open verdict on Comber, saying: "I cannot see from the evidence that one can say this man took his own life, although I think he probably did."

A detective-inspector told the coroner that a statement was made by Ernesto Alvarez, a fellow passenger in Comber's cabin.

Alvarez said Comber told him that after being discharged from the New Zealand Army in which he served in Korea, he saved up to visit Japan and take his Japanese dance to England.

Shortly before he was due to leave for Japan the girl wrote saying her father had died and her mother was ill. She could not leave and broke off the engagement.

"My impression," said Alvarez, "was that the girl's decision had hurt him."—China Mail Special.

CIVILIANS
EVACUATED

Taipei, Feb. 8. Landing craft of the US 7th Fleet completed the evacuation of Chinese civilians from the Tachen Islands last night and today began taking off Nationalist troops, who destroyed everything they could not take along.

Guns and ammunition were loaded aboard the evacuation fleet for shipment here, but fixed installations were dynamited or burned.

US officers said the evacuation was hours ahead of schedule and "going much better than had been anticipated" because of efficient civil organisation on the islands and the co-operation of the Nationalist Army.—United Press.

World's Tallest Man



For the past 18 years, Mr. A. J. Kramer has roamed the world, stopping for only a short time in various cities. Now he has decided to settle in the town of his birth, Amsterdam, where he has taken over a cafe. Mr. Kramer claims to be the tallest man in the world—his actual height being 8ft. 3ins.—London Express.

Malenkov's Resignation
Letter In Full

London, Feb. 8. Moscow Radio, in a special news bulletin in its home service gave the text of Mr Malenkov's letter of resignation.

It said: "I beg to ask you, comrade chairman, to notify the joint meeting of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR that I am asking to be relieved of the post of Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR."

"My request is prompted by a businesslike consideration of the necessity for strengthening the leadership of the Council of Ministers and by the need to have another comrade at the post of Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR with more experience in the management of state affairs."

"I see clearly that my lack of experience in local work is having a negative effect on the fulfilment of my complicated and responsible duties of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers."

"I had no experience of directly administering a given branch of national economy at the level of a ministry or a directorate."

AWARE OF GUILT
"I also consider myself compelled to say in the present statement that now, when the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the workers of our country are concentrating their special efforts on the speedy development of agriculture, I have been particularly aware of my guilt and responsibility for the unsatisfactory state of affairs which has arisen in agriculture; as for several years past responsibility has been placed on me for the control and management of the working of the central agricultural organs, and the working of the local party and Soviet organisations in the field of agriculture."

"The Communist Party, on the initiative and under the guidance of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, has already worked out and is implementing a series of large scale measures for overcoming the lag in agriculture. Among such important measures as, undoubtedly, the reform of agricultural taxation, about which I think it opportune to say that it was carried out on the initiative and proposal of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, it is now evident what an important role this reform

Socialists
Reject
Pinay

REFUSE TO JOIN
HIS GOVT

Paris, Feb. 8. The Socialist Party today refused to join the government of M. Antoine Pinay, French Premier-designate, but he still hopes to complete by tomorrow a list of Cabinet Ministers for France's 21st post-war government, and present it to the National Assembly on Friday.

Unless he gets sufficient assurance of support from the MRP (Popular Republicans) he may have to abandon his attempt. He may woo the MRP—who have reservations about serving under a Conservative Premier—with a programme of social reforms.

The MRP took part in the government he headed in 1952. The Socialist refusal was fully expected. But M. Pinay went through the motions of asking them to demonstrate his desire for a "government of national unity."

EXPLAINS REASON

M. Christian Pineau, Chairman of the Socialist group in the Assembly said they had supported M. Pierre Mendes-France and could not now appear to change their attitude on matters of internal policy.

He added that M. Pinay had promised to consult the Opposition whenever he had to take an important decision on either foreign or domestic policy.

M. Pinay also talked today with the Tunisian Premier, Tahar Ben Ammar, who said afterwards: "I am very confident that the work (on Tunisian Home Rule) begun with M. Mendes-France will be continued in the same good spirit."—Reuters.

Resuming Work

Glasgow, Feb. 8. About 3,000 dockers who came out on strike here yesterday were resuming work today. They struck in protest against a new system of allocating work. Forty-five ships, some carrying food, were left idle.—Reuters.

National Service

Washington, Feb. 8. The House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly today to extend conscription for a further four years.—Reuters.

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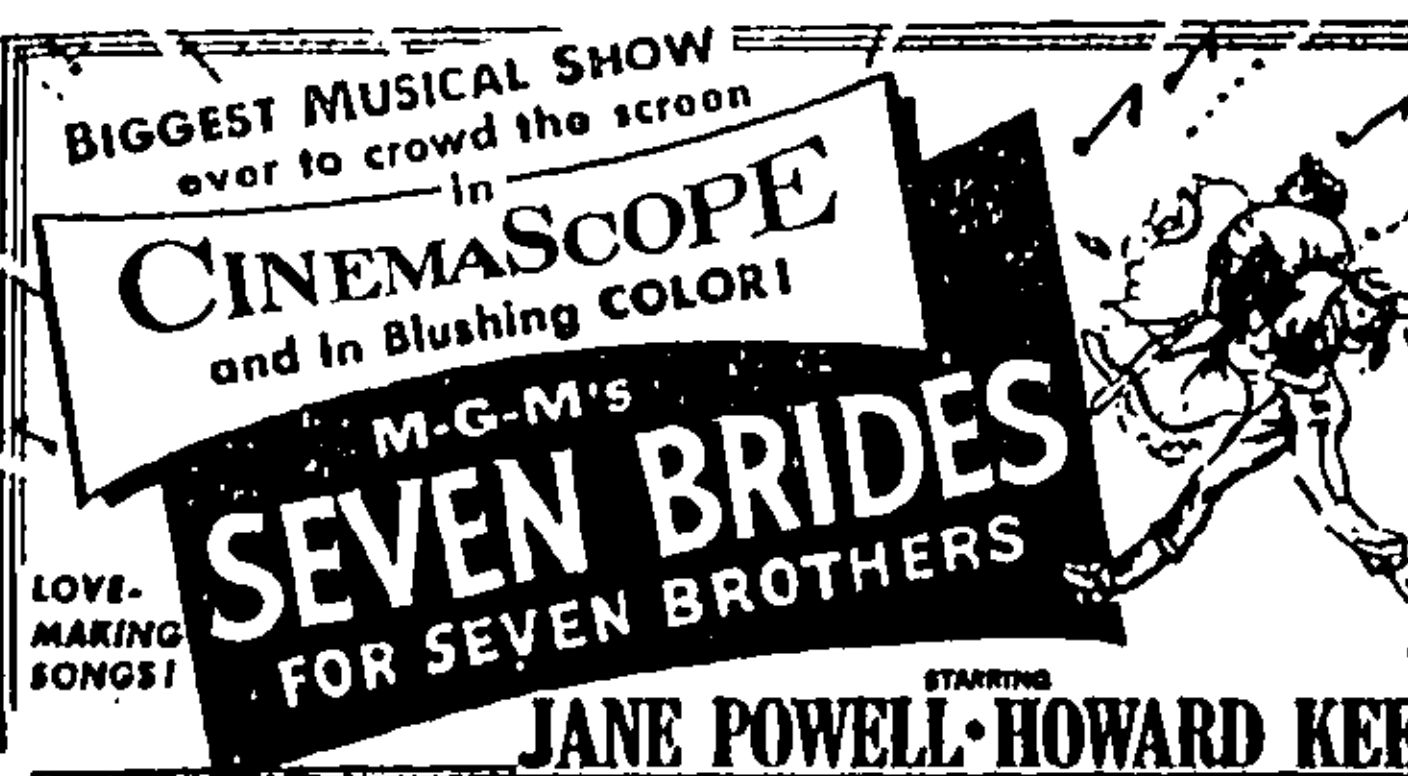
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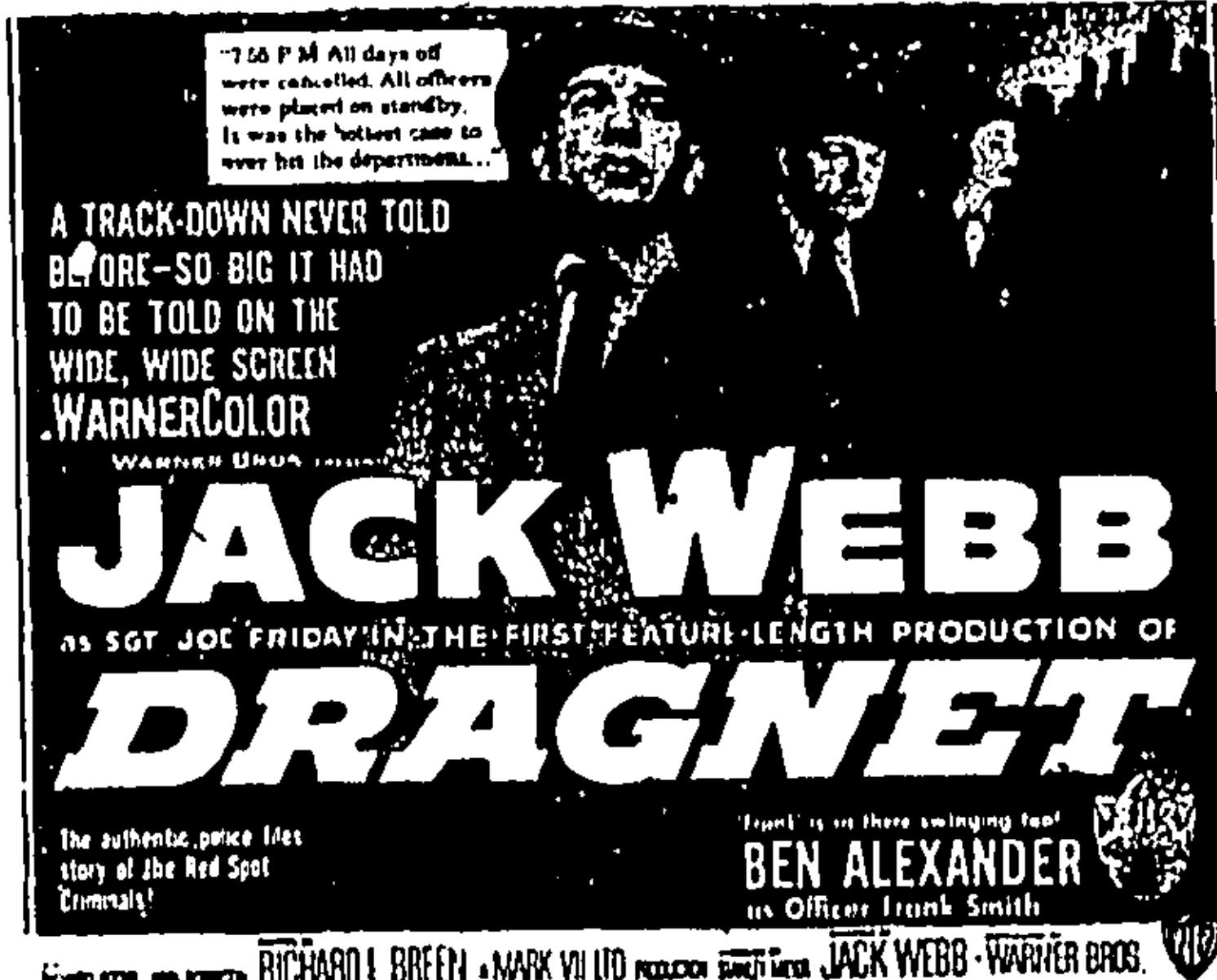
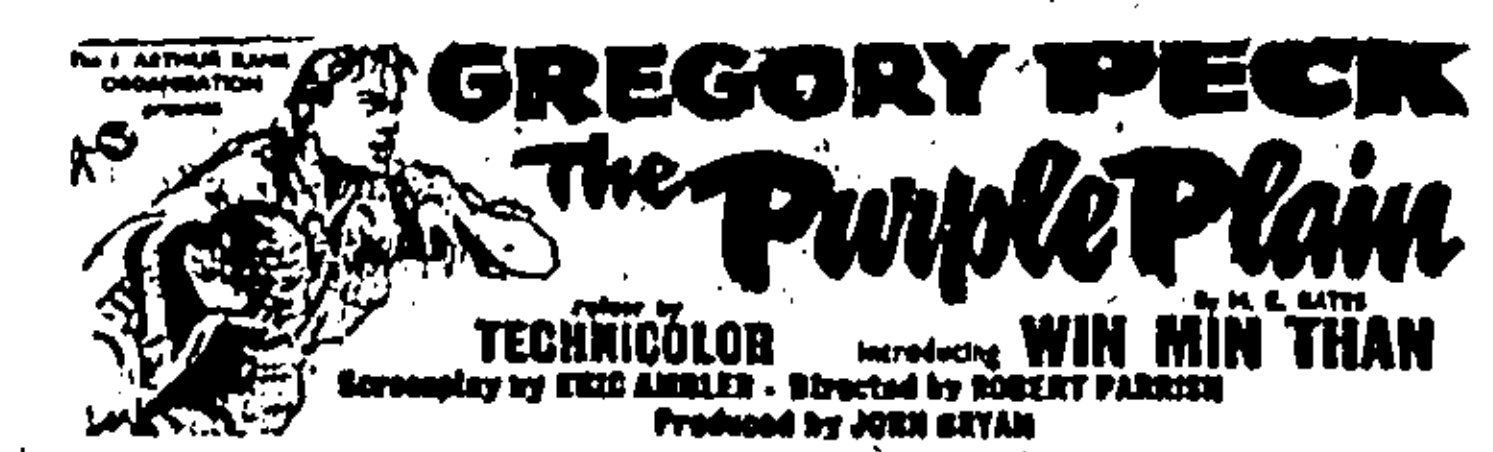
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KREMLIN'S POLICIES ON JAPAN

No Change Expected Over Appointment Of Bulganin
EARLY END OF WAR TALKS ANTICIPATED

By Ralph Harris

Washington, Feb. 8. No significant change in the Soviet Union's "friendship" policy towards Japan is seen by United States officials as a result of the ousting of Mr Georgi Malenkov as Soviet Premier.

Authoritative sources here said that the Kremlin's moves to try and detach Japan from its strong Western ties had been the agreed Soviet policy for months.

They anticipated that the new Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, together with Mr V. M. Molotov, the Foreign Minister, and Mr Nikita Khrushchev, the "power behind the throne" would press forward with earlier proposals for negotiations to end the state of war between the two countries.

Renewed diplomatic pressure on Japan to normalize relations and negotiate outstanding problems might in fact form one facet of a tougher Soviet Far East policy which most officials have been predicting since the news of Mr Malenkov's downfall reached Washington this morning.

UNDERMINING PRESTIGE As one official said: "This 'soft' approach to Tokyo is, as we see it, part of the Kremlin's overall strategy of undermining United States prestige in Japan and the Far East in general."

"We do not think it will change, at least for the time being, as a result of the Moscow developments."

"In one area, such as support for Communist China over Formosa, Soviet policy now might get outwardly tougher; with Japan, a tough policy would achieve nothing, so a soft approach will be used to achieve the same goal."

There is confidence in the State Department that Japan is aware of what United States officials describe as the "pitfalls" of negotiating with the Soviet Union and that it will strike as hard a bargain as possible if diplomatic relations are resumed.

Washington opinion appears to agree with assessments in Japan that the Soviet Union is unlikely to grant Japan's claim for the return of its former territories.

OTHER PROBLEMS Officials here see this as one of four main problems blocking the way towards a resumption of normal relations between the two countries in the near future. Others are:

1. The Soviet's veto of Japan's admission to the United Nations.
2. The continued imprisonment of Japanese prisoners of war in the Soviet Union.
3. Economic questions and fishing rights off Soviet-held islands off the north of Japan.—Reuter.

Moscow Sensation

Moscow, Feb. 8.

Mr Georgi Malenkov's resignation from the Soviet premiership caused a sensation today in Moscow, where no one had expected it, particularly as Mr Malenkov's name had been so closely linked with the Soviet policy since Stalin's death.

The sessions of the Supreme Soviet since February 4 had taken a normal course. Today, a good while before the beginning of the sitting, all the deputies' seats and the diplomatic boxes were full. But this was due to the expected report on Soviet foreign policy.

THE SPEAKER? In the lobbies, officials of the Foreign Ministry joked over the eagerness of Western correspondents to know the name of the speaker.

Deputies were exchanging views on economic problems which had been the centre of attraction since the opening session.

Diplomats tried to guess the trend of the new Soviet policy in the light of current events.

Do you think the French crisis could modify the Soviet standpoint on Germany? young U.S. diplomat was asking one of the newsmen.

Five minutes before the session began, there was not a vacant seat in the vast hall of the Supreme Soviet in the Grand Palace of the Kremlin. The floodlights were turned on when all the Soviet leaders entered the Government box.

The Assembly, standing, applauded the leaders. Then, in accordance with Soviet custom, the leaders similarly greeted the gathering.

Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, in full-dress uniform, took the seat in the centre of the front row. He had Mr Malenkov on his left, with First Deputy Premier Lazar Kaganovich. On his right were Mr Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Communist Party and Deputy Premier Maxim Saburov.

MOLOTOV BEHIND The Foreign Minister, Mr V. M. Molotov, presumed foreign policy speaker, sat behind Saburov.

Then, as everyone was waiting to hear the name of the foreign policy speaker, the "bombshell" exploded.

Alexander Volkov, President of the Council of the Union of the Supreme Soviet, announced that Mr Malenkov had sent a statement to the Supreme Soviet. Mr Volkov rapidly read the Premier's resignation message.

In the diplomatic boxes, inter-pleurs whispered in ambassadorial ears, and the envoy's surprise was evident as the essential passage of the message was translated, "I ask to be freed from the duties of Premier. I believe that a more competent comrade should take the post. I am guilty of shortcomings in the agricultural programme."

Then came the warning: "The mad bourgeois will certainly put a slanderous interpretation on my statement and the fact of my resignation itself!"

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED Any doubts that Mr Malenkov might go back on his decision were immediately removed as Mr A. M. Puzanov, Premier of the Federated Republic, the largest of the 16 Soviet Republics, moved that the resignation should be accepted.

The deputies then filed out. It was assumed as Mr Malenkov stressed the agricultural programme and the need to give preponderance to the development of heavy industry, these would seem to be, at first sight, the explanations for the step.—France-Press.



Dr Moussa Marzouk and Samuel Azar, a teacher, were sentenced to death as members of a Zionist spy ring and have since been hanged in Cairo. Dr Marzouk, a House Surgeon of French nationality, and Azar were among 13 alleged members of the ring sentenced by a Military Court in Cairo last Thursday. Six others including Marcelle Nino, a brunette, were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from seven years to life. Dr Lieta Moussa Marzouk leaves the Cairo Court under guard after being sentenced to death.—Express Photo.

Will For Freedom Campaign Urged By Ike

Washington, Feb. 8.

President Eisenhower tonight urged a stronger campaign to promote the will for freedom among people behind the Iron Curtain.

Speaking on a closed circuit television broadcast to 35 meetings throughout the U.S. in support of Radio Free Europe, Mr Eisenhower said that the winning of men's minds was essential to deter Soviet aggression.

"Without this victory, we can have no other victories," he said.

He said that Radio Free Europe and the Crusade for Freedom were vital to the success of this campaign. "While we maintain our vigilance at home and abroad, we must intensify the will for

freedom in the satellite countries behind the Iron Curtain," he said.

"These countries are in the Soviet backyard, and only so long as their people are reminded that the outside world has not forgotten them, only that long do they remain as potential deterrents to Soviet aggression."

"The great majority of the 70,000,000 captives in these satellite countries have known liberty in the past. They now need our constant friendship and help if they are to believe in their future."

Mr Eisenhower said the Radio Free Europe broadcasts served national security and the cause of peace and merited greater support than ever before.

He said substantial progress had been made. He said the free world was growing stronger because its people are growing in their determination to stand together and in their faith that freedom and justice would triumph.

"Here at home," he said, "we Americans face the future with confidence, but we must also face up to the dangers that still lurk about us."

REINFORCE ALLIANCES "We must ever work to strengthen our posture of defence to reinforce our alliances and friendships in the free world."

The White House said the President's brief talk was written before today's shake-up of the Russian High Command.—United Press.

Bomb Attack In Casablanca

Casablanca, Feb. 8.

Terrorism, almost dormant during the last weeks of Premier Pierre Mendes-France's Government, flared up here again today.

Terrorists threw a bomb at the corner of the well-known thoroughfares of the Boulevard de Saur and the Route Medicinale last night.

No damage or casualties were reported and the police said they had no indication of who was responsible.

Meanwhile, Secret police at Marrakesh swooped on a band of terrorists there early this morning and arrested five.

They also found a quantity of cordite, an explosive, some 7.65 and 9 mm revolvers and ammunition at the gang's headquarters.

The police said they thought the arrested men were responsible for the attempted assassination last month of a prominent Moroccan.—United Press.

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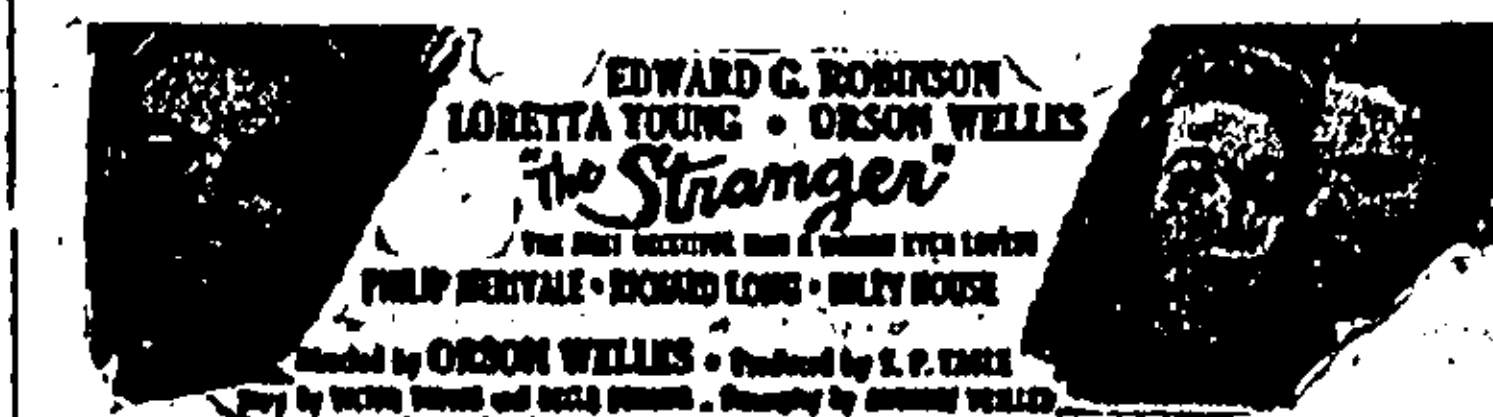
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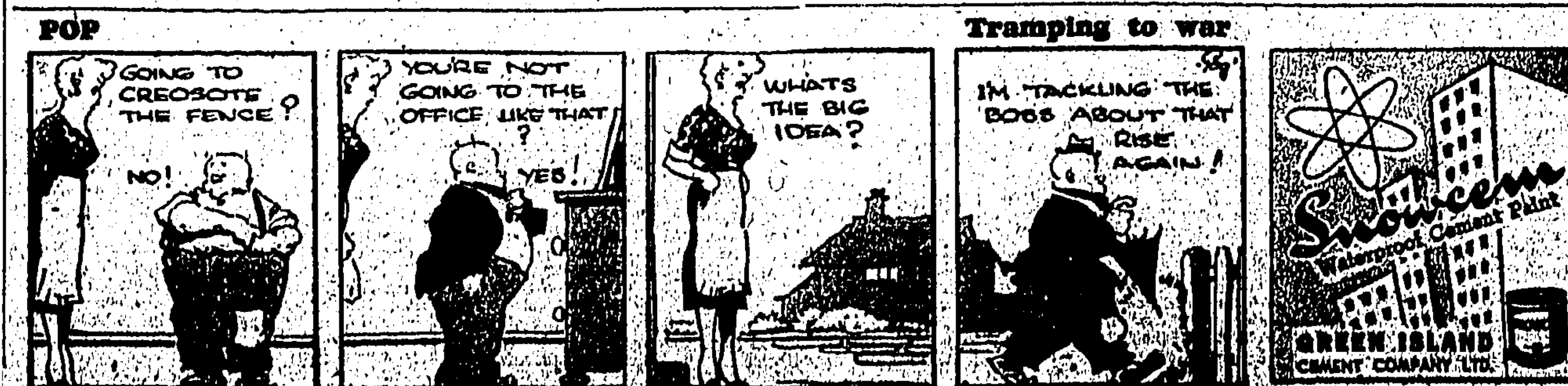
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COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE

LION LOOSE IN STORE

Cape Town, Feb. 8. Shoppers in a Cape Town department store recently blinked hard and looked again, just to make sure it was not the after-effects of Christmas—a real lion was loose among the counters.

There was no cause for alarm. It was only Naenyima ("the meat-eater"), six-week-old lion cub of Mr J. H. Haasbroek, of Johannesburg, which had come shopping with its master.

Naenyima had bounded from its master's arm and was running between the counters followed by shouting children. He did not get far and soon had to submit to their stroking and cuddling.

On his farm Mr Haasbroek also has a 23-ft. python, a leopard, a full-grown black-maned lion and a jackal.—China Mail Special

Shrunken Heads Sold

Johannesburg, Feb. 8.

Two shrunken heads, which a Johannesburg explorer Mr J. Steyn brought back from a recent expedition up the Amazon, have been sold for a substantial sum to a private collector in the United States.

Few of these heads are in the possession of Europeans.

Mr Steyn exchanged these two with a witch doctor of one of the head-hunting tribes of Brazil, the Jivaro, for two shirts and a pair of trousers.

The heads are both of males and are kept in a glass case. They are about two and a half inches in height, and the features are perfectly preserved. Long black hair sweeps backwards and must have dropped well below the shoulders of the owners, both of whom were victims of a tribal war.

With the money, Mr Steyn proposes to finance a return trip to the Amazon. He will take his wife with him and said in an interview it would be the first time, as far as he knew, that a white woman had ventured among these head-hunters.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Timorous (6).
 - 2 Chains of rocks (8).
 - 3 Granted (5).
 - 4 Sea-bird (6).
 - 5 Flower (5).
 - 6 Englishman in India (5).
 - 7 Ventilator (4).
 - 8 Slaughters (6).
 - 9 Ransom (6).
 - 10 Wore away (6).
 - 11 American dandies (5).
 - 12 Drows (4).
 - 13 Dangle (5).
 - 14 Decieve (6).
 - 15 Twofold (6).
 - 16 Commonplace (8).
 - 17 Cute apart (6).
- DOWN
- 1 Came into view (8).
 - 2 Went back (8).
 - 3 Cold confessions (4).
 - 4 Made late (7).
 - 5 Amended (7).
 - 6 Fit to eat (6).
 - 7 Foolishness (5).
 - 8 Friendly (8).
 - 9 Sleeps (6).
 - 10 Bunch of ribbons (7).
 - 11 Settles (7).
 - 12 Meal (6).
 - 13 Show in (5).
 - 14 Vein of ore (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Melody, 5 Power, 8 Rear, 9 Ordeal, 11 Eased, 12 Subtle, 14 Flow, 16 Dares, 18 Allied, 19 Weds, 20 Permit, 24 Ratio, 25 Biting, 26 Solo, 27 Dirge, 28 Enters, Down: 1 Moor, 2 Lids, 3 Drab, 4 Yellow, 5 Provide, 6 Western, 7 Redress, 10 Eagle, 13 Matured, 14 Flatter, 16 Adipose, 17 Adult, 19 Warble, 21 Mien, 22 Time, 23 Eggs.

Premiers Study Russian Proposal For Int'l Talks On Formosa Crisis

By Fraser Wighton

London, Feb. 8.

Commonwealth Prime Ministers climaxed their week-long meetings here today with a top secret study of a proposal by Russia that an international conference should be held on the Formosa crisis.

Their talks were overshadowed by the news from Moscow that Marshal Bulganin had succeeded Mr Malenkov as Soviet Prime Minister.

But the Commonwealth Prime Ministers pursued their study of the Russian proposal for the rest of the day — though all admitted they could not foretell what the changes in the Kremlin may mean to future Soviet foreign policy.

The idea of a conference was put by Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, to the British and Indian envoys in Moscow last Friday, Commonwealth sources said.

OUTSIDE U.N.

The Russian diplomat envisaged it would be held outside the United Nations but did not propose the presence of Nationalist China at such a conference.

Britain will not reply until she has fully consulted the United States.

A final communiqué issued tonight by the nine Commonwealth countries at the end of their conference made no mention of the Russian proposal.

The communiqué also failed to mention that course should now be taken by the Western nations in the Security Council following Peking's refusal to attend a debate for bringing about a ceasefire between the Communist and Nationalist Chinese.

Most of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers are said to favour the shelving of New Zealand's move for a ceasefire bid in the Security Council. Britain and India particularly feel it would be pointless now. But Mr Sidney Holland, New Zealand's Prime Minister, according to conference sources, was tonight still undecided about what course to take.

The communiqué referred only in general terms to tensions in the Far East saying the Prime Ministers "were united in their convictions that it was necessary that incidents should be avoided while means were sought for a peaceful outcome."

CHURCHILL INSPIRED

The communiqué, in a passage evidently inspired by Sir Winston Churchill, laid great emphasis on the dangers of the atom and hydrogen bombs.

It said "The Prime Ministers have anxiously thought to the problems of nuclear energy."

"The latest discoveries confront humanity with a force which is almost beyond the capacity of man's brain to comprehend or measure."

"They present a choice and a challenge."

"Is this vast power to be developed for the benefit of man or is it to be used to bring ruin upon the human race?"

Saying the count is would never embark on aggression, the statement expressed the hope that nations would shrink from violence "once the world understood the magnitude of the disaster a world war would bring."

The communiqué said it was the aim of the Commonwealth countries to work for a disarmament agreement which would include forces and weapons of all kinds.

On Europe, the British and Canadian Prime Ministers were convinced that the early ratification of the London and Paris Agreements on Western German rearmament would "mark an important advance towards the security and cohesion of Western Europe."

SEPARATE STATEMENT
Commonwealth countries—excluding India and Ceylon—which took part in regional defence talks outside the main conference issued a separate official statement tonight.

Authoritative sources said afterwards it was the first time such detailed discussions had taken place at a Commonwealth conference on measures to prevent a third world war and for defence if it should happen.

The statement said Britain, Australia and New Zealand had considered the security of Malaya as being of "vital importance."

But it did not mention an important decision taken by the three countries and disclosed by conference sources. This is that these three countries have reached an understanding on a plan to build up an air task force based on Singapore.

Mr Sidney Holland confirmed tonight that a New Zealand fighter-bomber squadron, stationed in Cyprus, would be sent to Malaya. He had also earlier recommended to make to his Cabinet, he added.

The Commonwealth conference defence statement said the countries concerned in regional talks had recognised that "thermo-nuclear weapons involved fundamental changes in the strategic approach to defence problems. They agreed the West's overwhelming superiority in nuclear weapons at present offered "a most effective and practical assurance" that world peace would not be disturbed by deliberate aggression.

MIDDLE EAST

The statement also said the defence problems of the Middle East were reviewed in the light of recent developments and agreement was reached on the basis for a new approach to defence planning in this area.

Conference sources said that while discussing Middle East defence, the Prime Ministers concerned had examined the implications of Britain's agreement with Egypt to withdraw her 70,000-strong garrison from the Suez Canal Zone.

They had also considered the Turco-Pakistani Pact and the projected Turco-Israeli Defence Alliance and its impact on the Arab League, particularly Egypt which is strongly opposed to it.

The communiqué said that the discussions on Southeast Asian defence covered plans to help countries in that area not only to resist aggression but also to "strengthen their internal security."

Four of the Commonwealth countries are members of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation. They are Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Pakistan.

The Foreign Ministers of the eight-nation SEATO are due to begin talks at Bangkok on February 23 for making their treaty an effective instrument.

Conference sources said that in their defence discussions on the Far East the statesmen considered how to ward off global war and what defensive action was needed if necessary.

SENSE OF SECURITY
They considered the position of military forces in the cold war. Defence forces gave a sense of security and stability to countries which wanted to build up resistance to internal subversion they felt.

The sources said that the Indian Prime Minister, due to visit Moscow in the summer, would not take any message to the Soviet Government from the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference.—Reuter.

The Queen And Princess Anne



The Queen and Princess Anne in the royal car as it left King's Cross Station for Buckingham Palace on the Royal Family's return from Sandringham.—Central Press Photo.

Four Crew Members Of Royal Yacht Injured

St George's, Grenada, Feb. 8.

Four members of the crew of the Royal yacht Britannia, in which Princess Margaret is touring the British West Indies, were injured in mishaps while operating motor launches in the harbour here.

Choppy seas caused the mishaps and resulted in a decision last night to tie up the Britannia alongside the jetty.

Previously the Princess and members of her party travelled from the yacht anchored in the outer roads of the harbour to the shore by means of motor launches.

The Royal yacht was carefully manoeuvred from the outer roads to the inner harbour yesterday and tied up alongside the jetty.

SAID FAREWELL

The Princess boarded the Britannia at the pier for the first time on her return from a beach party where she said farewell to citizens of the islands before leaving for the island of St Vincent.

At St Vincent Island Princess Margaret was welcomed by "Bligh of the Bounty"—to recall the famous British captain's association with the island's yacht.

After the mutiny on the Bounty, Captain Bligh came to St Vincent with 600 breadfruit plants. And coffee-coloured caribbe were on hand with breadfruit when the Princess landed here from the Royal yacht.

"Captain Bligh," a local islander dressed in old naval uniform and carrying a telescope, welcomed the Princess from a 24-foot boat with a cannon at the bow.

THE "CREW"

His "crew" were nine beaming caribbe, descendants of the original inhabitants of the islands. The five men wore exotic beach shorts outside their trousers and the four women were dressed in white blouses and brightly patterned skirts.

A playful wind tugged at the women's skirts as the smiling Princess stepped ashore for a stay of under two hours.—Reuter.

Archie Arrediacono put a "One" instead of an "X" when copying out his football pool form last week and the mistake has won him a first prize of about 2,000,000 lire (£1,400).

He made the mistake on the master coupon. On the top duplicate columns of the football form he put down a draw. The home team won.—China Mail Special.

STRIKE THREAT OVER FORMOSA

London, Feb. 8.

Leftist Union leaders proposed closing British ports to defence supplies if the Formosa dispute becomes acute and a railway union branch demanded a nationwide rail strike in case of further American "interference."

These and other proposals supporting Peking gave evidence, labour observers said, of an organised Red campaign to block Britain's vital ports to Far Eastern defence shipping.

These sources said the campaign apparently took its cue from the Labour Party's open condemnation of Nationalist control of Formosa and American aid to the Nationalist leader, Chiang Kai-shek.

EXCELING CHIANG

The head of the Labour Party, Mr Clement Attlee, has proposed "exiling" President Chiang.

Mr Richard Barrett, Left Wing chief of the National Amalgamated "Stoveholders" and Dockers, openly called today for a formal boycott of war supplies to the Formosa dispute.

Informed sources said leftist elements in other segments of the labour movement would follow suit in attempting to block Britain's ports and railways to shipments "which could be used against Communist China."

Mr Barrett, who said he would propose the boycott to the Executive Committee on Friday, was leader of the long British waterfront strike last autumn. The Communist-backed walkout cost the nation millions of pounds.

"There is little doubt" said the Communist Party's Daily Worker today, "that the recommendation will be accepted by the entire membership. Dockers of the Transport and General Workers' Union will follow suit."—United Press.

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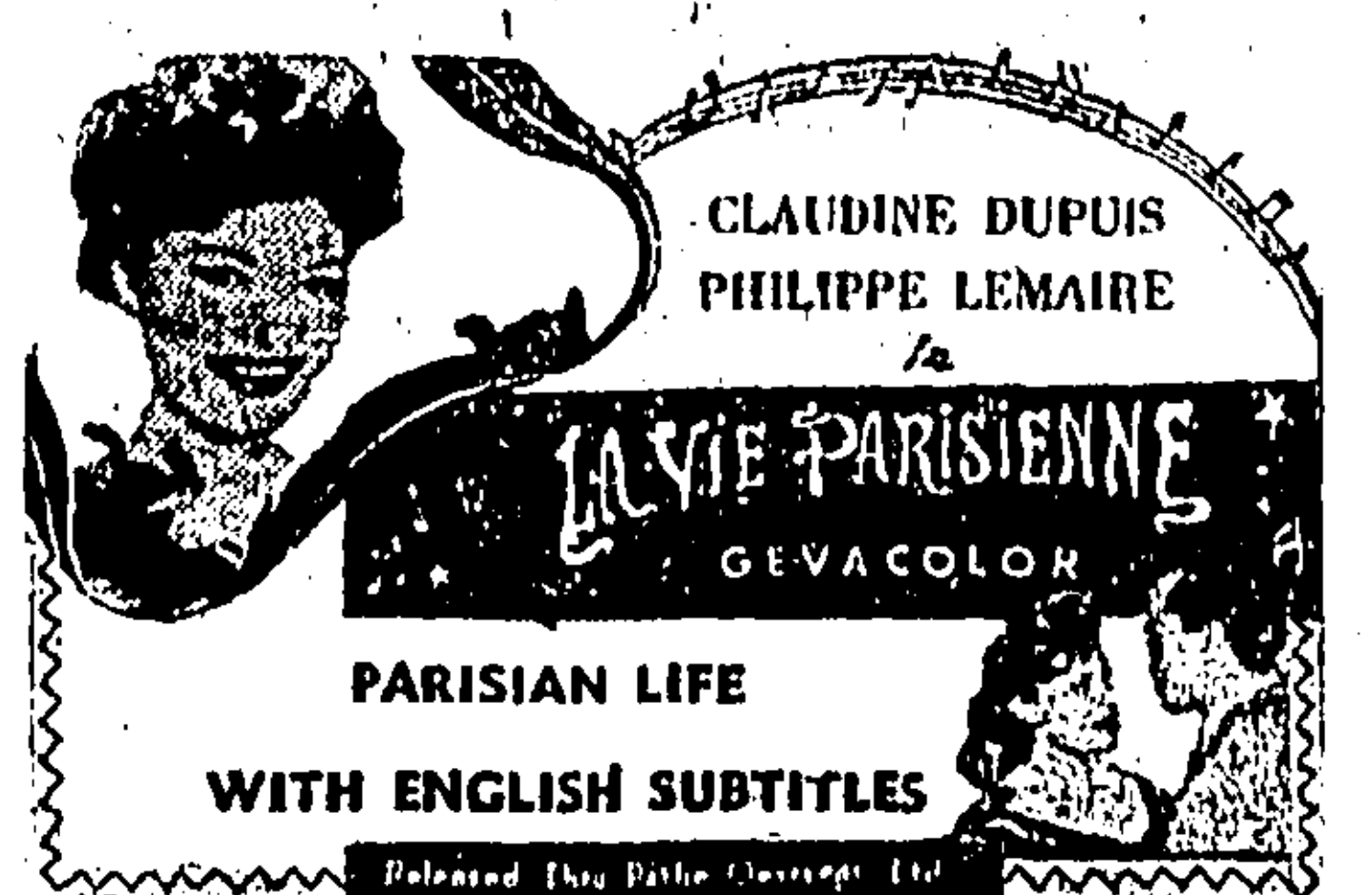
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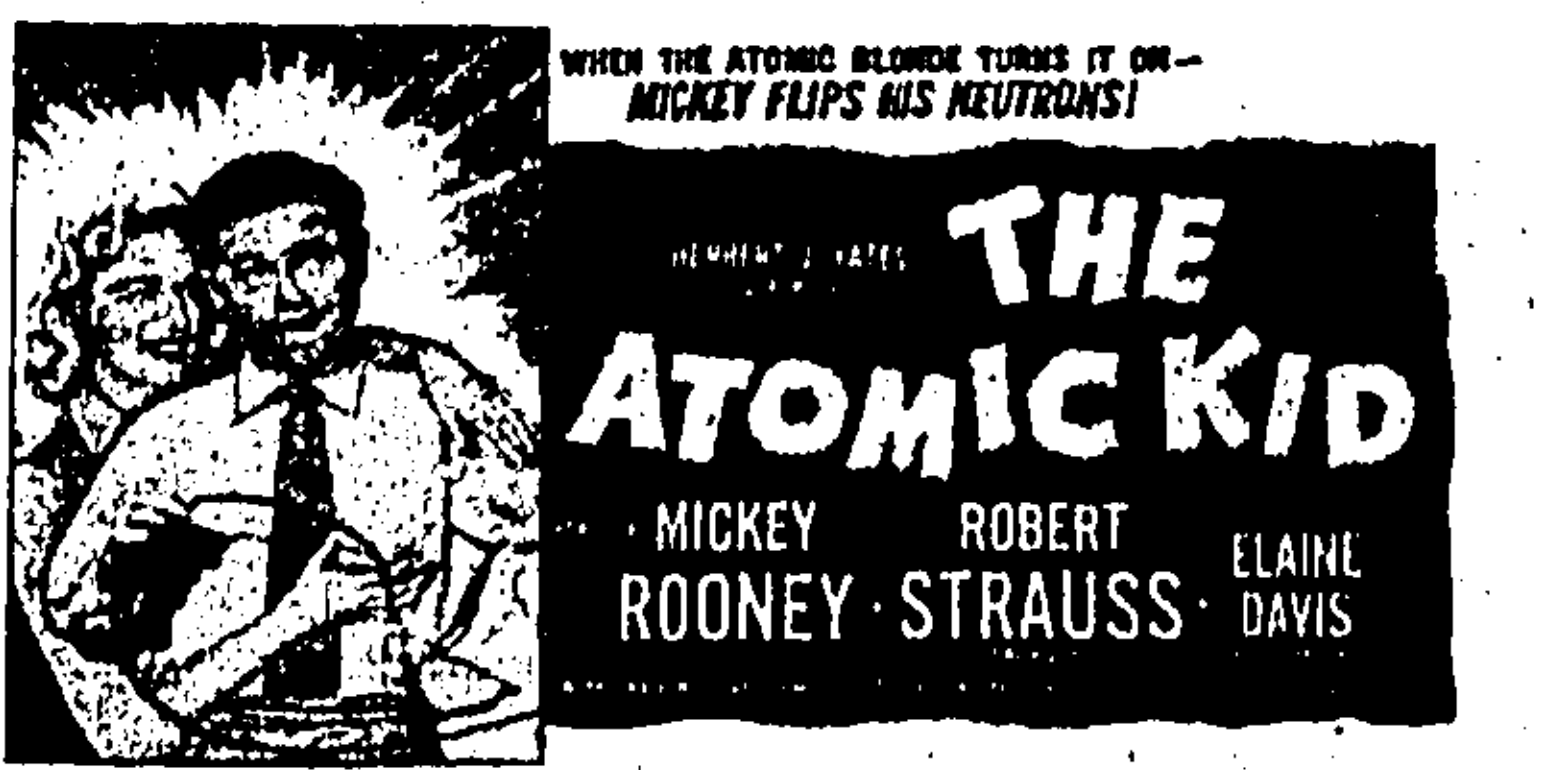
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HONGKONG KOWLOON

Mr. Todd packs his sword and bowler



London. It looks to me as though bowler-hatted squire Richard Todd, who drives a 20-year-old Rolls and plays with electric trains, is all set to fill the vacancy in the swash-buckling department, Hollywood.

It is caused by the departure for less strenuous employment of Mr. Errol Flynn, Mr. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Mr. Ronald Colman.

It is a well-paid job with prospects, but no superannuation scheme.

Mr. Todd will be leaving soon for California, with wife, child, bowler and beard, to play Sir Walter Raleigh to Miss Bette Davis's Elizabeth.

For Miss Davis it will be a repeat performance, she has already done one stint as Elizabeth I opposite Mr. Flynn at Essex.

So Mr. Todd will have a lot to measure up to—and Mr. Todd measures only 5ft. 6in. vertically without elevated soles.

DEVIL-MAY-CARE

Inserting a filter-up cigarette into his anti-smoking holder ("for double safety") Mr. Todd agreed that, on the face of it, he was not, perhaps, the most obvious choice for a devil-may-care screen hero.

But this was due to our misconception about the nature and physical proportions of real heroes.

"What do your Fairbanks and your Flynn have in common?" he asks. And answers himself: "Size. And a certain ebullience and extravagance of manner."

"To look at me," he continues, "what would you take me for? A City clerk?"

After all, he says, not all heroes look like Errol Flynn

by Thomas Wiseman

But this piece of calculated modesty is merely a feint. It is followed by a party: "What do heroes look like?"

Then a thrust: "Have you ever met Cheshire VC? A dimly-sighted, ascetic man—almost saintly. Doesn't look a bit like Errol Flynn."

And another lunge: "Then there's Montgomery. A great general. I knew him well at one period. But in build and manner does anyone look less like the man of action?"

At this stage Mr. Todd prepares for the kill. His chin thrusts forward. His gold cuff-links in the form of the letters R. T. emerge from under his turned-up sleeve; his cutlery hovers above the kidneys and the brussels sprouts. "No state potatoes, thank you!"

With what he clearly thinks is devastating effect, he throws away the next line: "As it happens, I was a damned good athlete. I was in the Commandos and in the paratroopers during the war. I broke both my shoulders. See how deceptive appearances can be."

I had not been deceived. The regimental tie decorated with

tiny parachutes explained itself, and also why Mr. Todd is one of the few British stars who can jump over roof-tops without breaking his neck or getting short of breath.

But Mr. Todd ("I believe in keeping fit. No thank you, no desert for me") has another, less gymnastic side to his nature.

HE IS a cautious capitalist ("No liqueurs, thank you. Got my accounts to do today") whose assets, apart from himself, include a construction company in Australia and real estate.

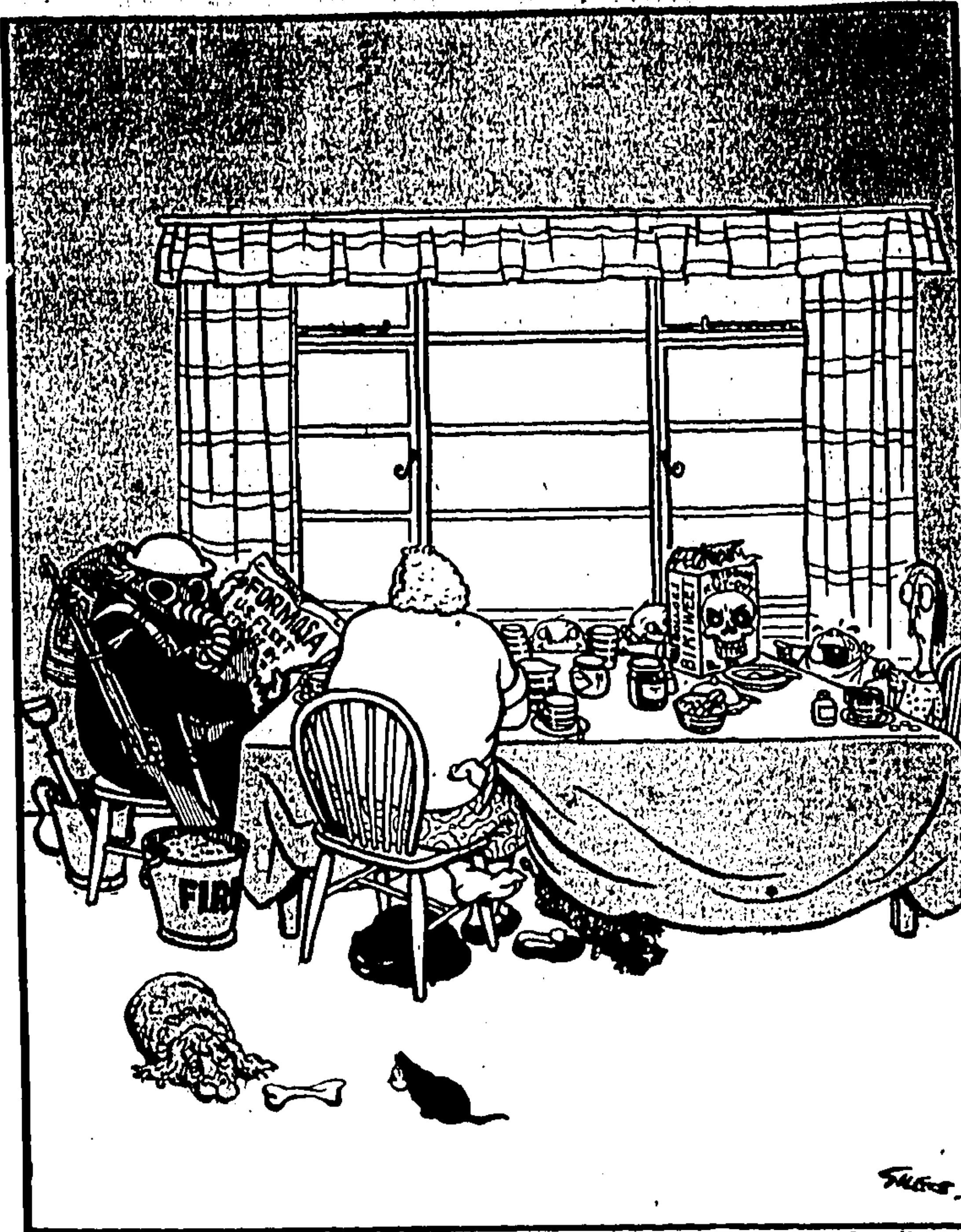
HE IS a homely philosopher with a great fondness for the analogy: "Of course, one doesn't always want to be a big fish in a small pond. One wants to be a big fish in a big pond. That's why I go to Hollywood. If you are a boxer, naturally you want to be a world champ."

ACADEMY AWARD

HE IS an actor: "I got an Academy Award nomination for The Hasty Heart. That helps to establish you in the States. I got annoyed by people who suggest that I am not to be taken seriously as an actor. It takes a lot of acting to play these swashbuckling roles."

HE IS a diplomat: "Obviously I have plans and hopes for making people take me seriously as an actor. But you don't think I'd make the mistake of telling you about them."

Mr. Todd admitted to some qualms at the thought that he was earning more than a Cabinet Minister. And there was not so much demand for Cabinet Ministers as there was for Mr. Todd.



"I'm sure war's not as imminent as all that, Grandma."

P h . f . f . f . t

That's the noise made when someone's marriage breaks up—and when a divorce breaks up too

THE MARRIAGE of Nina and Bob went Ph . f . f . f . t and Charlie Nelson tells how he tried to help each in turn to live a balanced, civilised life apart.

I was Nina's mother—the one who designed those crazy round beds—who really brought Nina and Bob together again.

While I was advising Robert on women, Nina's mother was saying to Nina: "You really ought to be getting a fresh slant on life, by meeting new, keen men." And the man suggested was me.

So an appointment was fixed and one night I hurried out to see Nina for drinks and a chat.

I found her wearing one of those gay, satiny bed-robes that women have—trousers and a flying skirt; all very smart and elegant.

She set about mixing martinis for me and confessed that really as far as martinis went it was her maiden effort. She certainly had a remarkable way with martinis. Nina poured in half a bottle of gin and then just allowed the vermouth to look at it.

She said happily: "Mustn't bruise the gin—must I. Any way, how can you bruise gin?" "There's not a mark on the gin," I assured her.

We got down to the more serious business of the evening. I talked to her about Romance. The Charlie Nelson technique with romance is to make women either laugh or cry and so get them into a good mood.

Nina halted my exposition. She said: "I was married for eight years—and I never heard about that technique."

I went on with my explanation. "There's the man who cries when he meets you," I said. "He's the one who says without you he cannot sleep, he cannot eat, and if you don't marry him he'll die."

"Cries always seem to end up married. I never know why." Then I went on to tell her about my favourite approach—through a laugh. Mostly I raise a laugh no matter where I am. "It's harder to get a girl into a receptive mood by laughing," I said, "but it's infinitely more rewarding."

"Somewhere between the cries and the laughter are the winners—the men who say to a woman: 'I'm not good enough for you.' I always ignore that whining technique."

Normally when I explain the position everything goes according to plan. My plan. With Nina it didn't seem to work. I began to see the problems Robert must have faced.

Maybe it was the martinis but before I knew what was happening I was actually saying I wasn't good enough for her.



I said to Nina: "You know... I always thought you were a bit of a pain. A royal pain—but a pain."

and Nina said: "You're a winner—you of all people." So I took another of those dandy drinks and I decided I would try to kiss her instead.

I suppose my tongue must have been running away with me but then because just before I did kiss her I said to her: "You know, when you were married to Robert I always thought you were a bit of a pain. A royal pain—but a pain."

Nina chuckled off the settee and said: "Charlie you're right. I am too good for you. You'd better go or I'll call Robert."

I am really rather hazy about what happened then. All I know is that one second I was in the room with her and the next second I was out in the cold night air.

And Robert? Well, while I went to see Nina I thought I'd been smart in arranging for that nice little blonde Janis to spend the evening having dinner at my flat with Bob.

I had given him a pep talk before the meal of course, and I thought that this time there would be no slipping up.

Robert was wearing a silk dinner jacket, a muffer, and to lend atmosphere to the room I had pulled out a tiger-skin rug which I had bought at a local store.

Robert mixed his own jug of martini then and raced upstairs to Nina. I do not have to tell you what happened next. Before you could say Ph . f . f . f . t, they were together again.

But Robert was not on that tiger-skin rug. He had tripped on that local store rug.

And me—Charlie Nelson? Well I just went off into the night.

Maybe he had overdone the setting a bit by putting that tiger-skin rug on the floor. Because as soon as Janis saw it she said: "Do you mind if I sit on your tiger-skin? I've always wanted to try a tiger-skin rug."

The atmosphere was slipping fast. And then, forgetting the champagne and the orchid which Robert had bought for her, Janis made a fatal mistake. She said: "You know, Charlie was going to be with me tonight—but he had to go for a conference with some girl he knows—a television writer. She has just got a divorce or something and she was married to one of his best friends. So Charlie has gone to keep her company."

Robert then made an exit from that room almost as fast as the one I made from Nina's.

He broke every speed limit in his sports car on the way to Nina's house. He must have arrived just after I'd been thrown out. Because when he got in he heard, Nina sobbing on the phone to her mother: "It's no good. I want Robert back. I love him and I have never loved anyone else. I should never have divorced him in the first place."

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NATHANIEL GUBBINS

A TELEPHONE call for Albert The Robot Columnist stopped all work just when we were getting our ideas together. It's a Transatlantic call, Albert.

From America? Yes, Albert. Who is it? Eisenhower? It's not likely that the President of the United States would call you, Albert.

He might want some advice about the result of the elections. It's a metallic female voice, Albert. She says her name is Mildred.

Mildred? I don't know anybody called Mildred. Just a minute, Albert. She says she's a robot like you and that she's an electric brain working for the U.S. Navy.

I don't care about girls' brains. I've read about her already and she's pretty important. The politicians borrowed her to work out election statistics because she's so clever at figures.

I'm not interested in those kind of figures. We know that, Albert. But she's a fan of yours, is she really?

She admires your writing. Will you speak to her? I don't want to make myself cheap.

Don't get above yourself, Albert. And remember the importance of cordial Anglo-American understanding.

All right, I'll speak to her. Hello, there... Yes, this is Albert... yes, the Albert. Thanks, I'm feeling fine. How are you? Oh, good.

You've been through what? Oh, college... Well, lots of American girls do that, don't they? Oh, I see. You went through a five-year course in ten minutes. And that we are making our small contribution to the sanity and mental health of a small but influential section of the community.

Although it would be imprudent for one without expert knowledge to delve too deeply into the psychological make-up of people who enjoy hunting I think it may be said without offence (I hope) that they are among those whose juvenile instincts for violence have remained with them in maturity. In other words they could be compared with Teddy Boys and Girls who have never grown up.

Therefore it is pertinent to ask what social evils might ensue if these instincts were not sublimated in the hunting field? Many thoughtful foxes of my acquaintance consider it is not too much to assume that the end of hunting through lack of funds might mean that wife (and even husband) beating would become a common practice among the upper classes and that even an outbreak of murder in high places could be the direct result of repression.

In view of the gravity of the problem and before innocent people suffer because hunting is beyond the means of those whose aversion must be appeased, may I suggest that a fund for impoverished hunters be opened through the medium of your valuable paper?

Although foxes have no money we would gladly offer for sale chickens, we have stolen in order to avoid what nice talking to you, Mildred. Good-bye.

Why, Mildred, you must have a head of out-size if line. What's your colouring, Mildred? Are you a blonde, a brunette or a red-head? Copper wires over a glass dome, eh? Well, I suppose that makes you a red-head if you like glass domes. You must be quite a snailshell, I see.

Yes. No ankles and a riveted steel chest. Well, Mildred... Yes, I know. You're a good cook and homey. Yes, that's fine, Mildred, but I just don't happen to like riveted steel chests on women. Well, if you nice talking to you, Mildred. Good-bye.

With Kippers

IT was only after a struggle that I prevented Albert from clanking out of the room after the telephone conversation.

"Where do you think you're going, Albert?" I asked, pushing him back into his chair.

"To London," said Albert. "Why London, Albert? The thick of it, this place."

"What were you looking at in the paper you were reading? More pictures of beautiful girls?"

"Yes." "The French fashion models?" "No."

"The lovely British Guiana brides of the Scottish soldiers?" "No."

"Then what?" "The Japanese ballet dancers." "I would have thought they were too well clothed to suit your tastes."

"I think they're smashing." "Last week it was the Italian film actress Gina Lollobrigida. Now it's Japanese dancers. Which one do you like best?"

"I love them all." "No pretence now?" "Well, perhaps Miss Milho Hanayagui is more smashing than the others. And her name means 'Beauty Flower'."

"Any other advantages?" "Well, she earns £5,000 a year. It is unlikely that she would share her money with a robot."

And according to the papers for kippers is an old to charm. "You said in a minute there a fishmonger's shop on the way to the station?"

Good Old Days

ALSO from the Animals' Newspaper is an interview with the oldest cat in Britain by one of the brilliant team of animal reporters.

"Dark-sailed, sailing, an-eyed, white-haired, 25-year-old Mr. Tim, who can still see small mice without the aid of glasses talked to me about the good old days when he reared me in his charming home at Cookham Dean, Berkshire."

"Mr. Tim, who has never drunk milk since it was pasteurised, 'they've taken all the nature out of it.' I remember the time when, cods heads were given away and salmon heads were off to each."

"What is the secret of your long life, Mr. Tim?" I asked, and no worry," Mr. Tim answered. "When I was young there was meat or fish every day and chicken liver on Sundays. Everything was so cheap when I was a kitten that even the poorest cats lived well."

"I suppose you are not quite so active as you were, Mr. Tim?" "I don't get on the tiles much now," said Mr. Tim, "but the tiles are for young cats. A basket by the fire is all you want when you're 25."

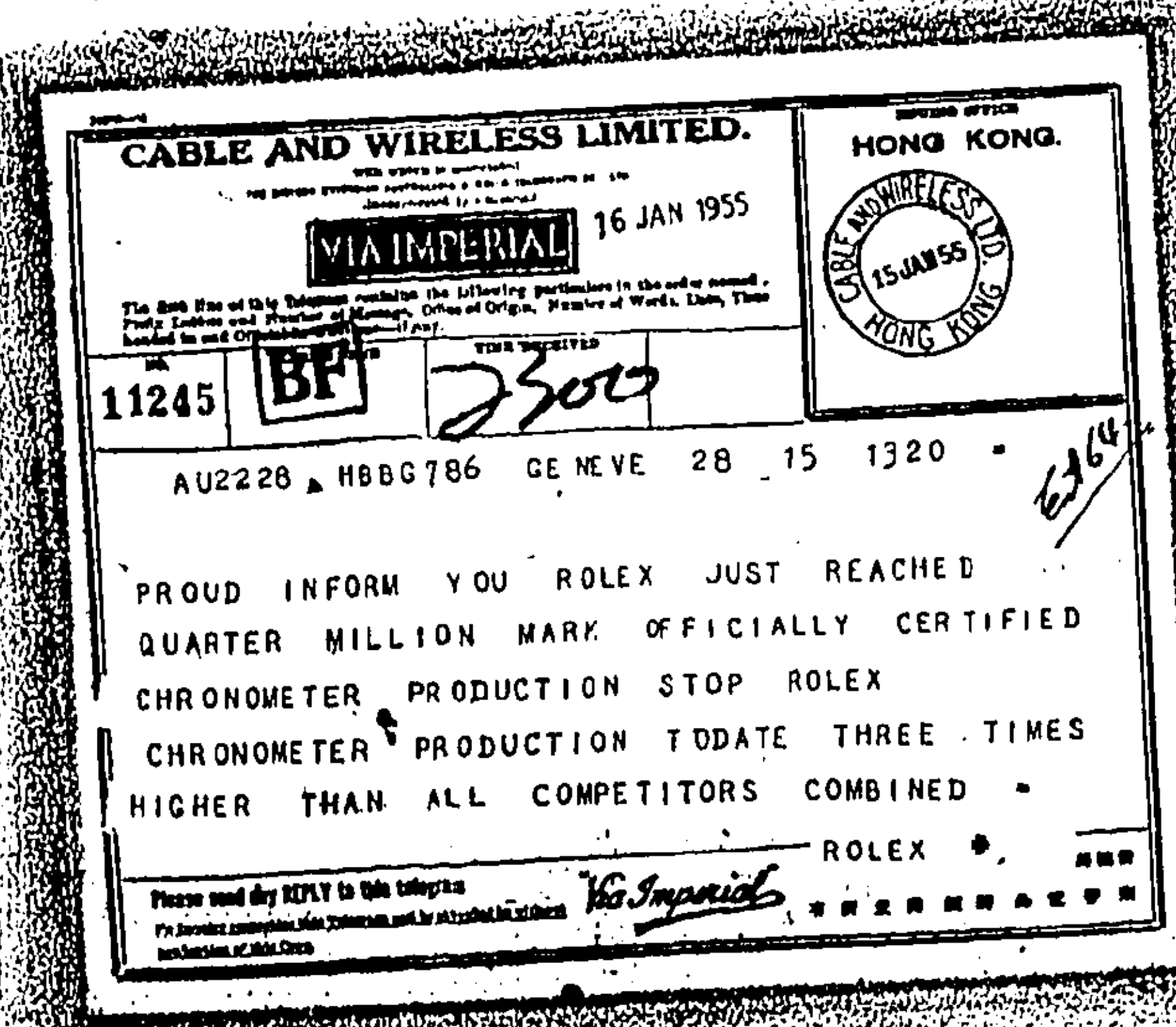
"What do you think of the modern cats, Mr. Tim? Do you think they're fidgety?"

"Not as fidgety as they like kippers," said Mr. Tim, with a twinkle in the eye.

"How many times have you been married?" "Five," commented said Mr. Tim (World Copyright).

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AUSSIES MAKE SIR DON THE TEST SCAPEGOAT

Public Mad At The Choice Of The "Beaten Old Gang"

By FRANK ROSTRON

The halo surrounding Sir Donald Bradman, patron saint of Australian sport, is disappearing... the cricketing knight has been dragged off his white charger.

They say things now about Bradman in the bars of Adelaide, his home town, for which these tough Aussies would have offered anyone a bashing had they been uttered not so long ago.

They ignore that he is only one of a triumvirate with co-selectors Jack Ryder and Dudley Seddon having equal votes, and Ryder having the overriding force of experience and seniority.

There was renewed moaning and execration after the announcement of the team to tour the West Indies. The party leaves soon after the Fifth Test against England ends in Sydney next month.

What has happened? Not since the "bodyline" days has Australian cricket taken such a crack between the eyes as Hutton and his check-bowling have delivered. The only difference is that this time there is no indignation or even argument.

There is no explanation—just a request with experts advising different theories about the absence of Australian batting skill.

BEYOND A JOKE

This time it has gone beyond a joke or a question of a fluke. The public is showing a dull anger that the authorities still seem to be unaware of the serious decline.

Hutton says there are unlikely to be any changes in his winning side for the last Test. But one obvious strengthening would be Grayney for Edrich, who looks no nearer finding form at the end of this tour than at the start. (London Express Service.)

Victory For 14th Field

And now, in the midst of humiliating admissions, the 14th Field Artillery has been chosen virtually the "same old beaten old gang" for the West Indian tour.

The names: R. Archer, R. Bennett, P. Burge, A. Davis, N. L. Fawell, N. Harvey, J. Hill, G. Langley, L. Maddocks, K. Miller, A. Morris, C. McDonald, W. Watson, L. Johnson, W. Johnston, R. Lindwall.

Bracing in every State are enthusiastic to have never known selectors with so little prestige.

Admittedly they are faced with the present dearth of reliable batsmen. But it seems staggering that they have omitted such as the youthful Sydney trio of Simpson, Crawford, and Philpotts, all of whom have proved themselves in first-class matches.

That was the MCC team's reaction when I talked with them. They are astonished that the selectors could have watched Simpson, Crawford, and Philpotts succeed and then ignored them.

Now Crawford and Philpotts are going to the Lancashire League where they will get appreciation—and cash.

HKASA Looks To The Future

A suggestion that seating accommodation for 4,000 spectators be provided at the new public swimming pool to be built by Government at Causeway Bay has been made by the Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association. It was announced at the Council Meeting of the HKASA held at Club Lustrano yesterday.

In making this announcement, Mr. H. W. Winglee, Hon. Secretary, said that there was a possibility of the Colony being host to the Asian Games in the future. A motion that the Association invest its surplus funds which will not be needed until 1956—was carried unanimously by those present.

Among matters discussed during the meeting was that of distribution of certificates to successful entrants in the Cross-Harbour. A member of the Council suggested the mailing by post of such certificates, so as to avoid the delay in distribution.

Mr. Winglee, in presenting his report for the year, announced that six records were lowered in the heats of last year's Colony championships. Of these five were bettered again in the finals.

Under conditions far from ideal for a track and field meet, the 14th Field Regt RA, captured the Royal Artillery & Royal Engineers Athletic Team Championships at Boundary Street yesterday afternoon.

Five teams from the 14th Field Regt RA, 42nd Field Regt RA, 32nd Med Regt RA, 27th Light Bty/HQRA, and 24th Field Eng. Regt respectively, met to decide which two teams would gain the honour of representing the Division in the Land Forces Inter-Unit Team Championship Finals later in the season.

It was a thrilling competition with the decision resting on the last event of the day, the 4 x 440 yards Relay, which was won by 14th Field with Lt Sweeney as anchor man.

Second place went to 24th Field Eng Regt thanks to a tremendous effort by Cpl Proctor, anchor man in the relay, who managed to overcome the slight lead enjoyed by 42nd Field and win by inches after a neck and neck struggle for the last 50 yards, to earn the necessary points to assure his unit of the second place overall score.

Highlight of the day's programme was the invitation Medley Relay which saw six teams entered. These were 6 C.O.D., District Whips REME, 1st Essex Regt., Hongkong Police HK Signals Regt., and RA&EC, and the race itself resulted in a duel over the last leg of 880 yards between two of the Colony's best distance runners S/L Curzon of HK Police and Lt Burch, 1st Essex which had the large crowd standing and cheering for the last furlong. Lt Burch won by two yards.

England "Second Eleven" Tours Suggested

Auckland, Feb. 8. A proposal for full scale tours by English "Reserve" cricket teams was made by the MCC Secretary, Mr. Ronald Aird, who left Auckland for Canada by air today.

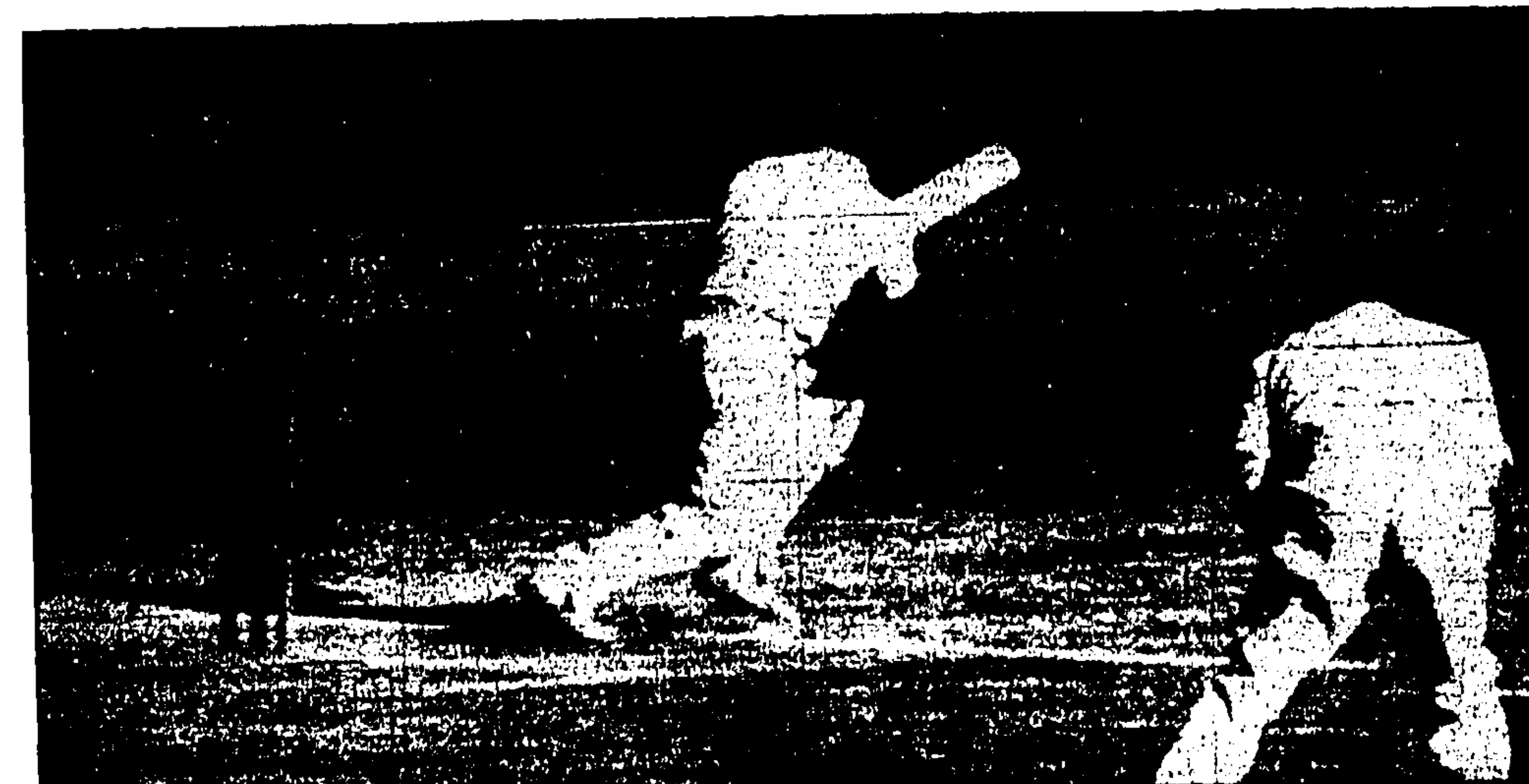
The idea is likely to be discussed by the New Zealand Cricket Council on Saturday.

Aird's proposal is that comprehensive tours of Commonwealth countries should be made by the best amateurs available and professionals who have just missed selection in the England team. He intends recommending the scheme to the MCC on returning to London. — China Mail Special.

Fourth Test Moments — May Caught Out, The Winning Hit



Ron Archer, the ball clasped firmly in his hand, rolls on the ground as he catches England's Peter May off Richie Benaud in the Fourth Test match against Australia at Adelaide. Wicketkeeper Len Maddocks lifts both arms in joyous appeal.



Godfrey Evans hits the four, off Australia's Keith Miller, which gave England a five wickets victory in the fourth Test Match at Adelaide and also her first Ashes win in Australia since the 1932-33 tour.—Reuterphotos.

Speed Plus Psychology Beat Australia

Says DENNIS HART

England on the crest of cricket's wave, Australia in the trough, poses the question: "Did they fall, or were they pushed?" Did England win the series on her merits, or through Australia's shortcomings?

It is too easy to accept either view. Australians can criticise their batsmen who have not made runs and bowlers who have failed to take wickets. England can lavish praise on her successful bowlers—who prevented the Australian batsmen making big scores—and the batsmen, who did just enough to bring victory.

But that is only part of the story. The full answer lies somewhere in between. Australia began the series scoring 601 for eight declared at Brisbane and bundling out England twice to win by an innings. No sign there of an Australian fall.

Then, through three Tests of diminishing scores, we came to that Adelaide debacle where, on an easy wicket, Australia folded up and were all out for 111.

SHE SLID

So Australia did not fall. She slid, with England's pace attack doing the pushing. Once started on the down grade, though, Australia were carried along by their own momentum. It is a matter of cricket psychology. After the havoc

Slatham and Tyson wrought at Sydney and Melbourne they gained a moral advantage over the batsmen. It is all very well saying that each ball should be treated on merit, no matter who bowls it. Such theories originate from the fence. Out in the middle it is a different matter especially when the bowlers are Tyson and Slatham. In fact these two caused one budding song writer to come out with "Ashes to Ashes, dust to dust, if Tyson don't get you, Slatham must!"

The psychology of bowling is not new. It has been harnessed by Lindwall and Miller. Other famous bowling combinations had it too. Remember how Ramadhin and Valentine shattered England's batsmen in 1950? Even their half volley took on a sinister appearance.

It has been that way with Tyson and Slatham.

IN THEORY, NO

Should a top class batsman be so effected? In theory, no. But what happens is that either a batsman is so deterred that he concentrates on being determined rather than on batting, cramping his style, or he tries to hit his way out of trouble and becomes careless.

That, in the main, is what happened to the Australians.

The psychological advantage built up by England's pace men was a very real thing. Australia can be criticised for going under so completely, as England were criticised for crumbling before Lindwall and Miller and Ramadhin and Valentine.

But give the bowlers credit. The Australians were not expecting such sustained hostility. They came up against pace in State matches. But not unremittent venom as provided by Tyson and Slatham.

Came the inferiority complex and the batsmen felt they had to pull out something extra. So they changed their natural game. Some over-concentrated, most went rash. The result was the same.

And present indications are that the advantage England has gained in the last two months will be sustained for some years to come. (London Express Service.)

Keith Miller "On Trial"

Melbourne, Feb. 8. Keith Miller, the New South Wales captain, today was named vice-captain of the Australian cricket team to tour the West Indies.

Ian Johnson (Victoria) had previously been chosen as captain.

The Melbourne Herald's cricket correspondent, John Priestley, said today that Miller's selection as vice-captain "means that he is on trial for the captaincy of the Australian team to tour England in 1956."

Miller, who is 35, has been captain of New South Wales for several seasons but the Australian Cricket Board of Control has preferred Arthur Morris, also of New South Wales, as vice-captain in most of the Tests against England in the present series, Priestley said.

He added "It is unlikely that the present captain, Ian Johnson, or Morris will make the team for England and the Board of Control has been influenced in selecting Miller because of Morris' poor form."—Reuter.

Combined Chinese Team To Play Admira Selected

The Hongkong Chinese Football Association met at the Ying King Restaurant yesterday evening and selected the Combined Chinese team to play against the Admira F.C. XI on February 19 at Club.

The following is the team: Wei Fat-kim (KMB), Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao), Lau Yee (SCAA), Tang Sun (KMB), Ko Fo-keung (SCAA), Chan Fai-hung (Kit Chee), Chu Wing-keung (Kit Chee), Ho Cheung-yau (SCAA), Au Chi-yin (Police), Yiu Cheuk-yin (SCAA), Mok Chun-yin (SCAA).

Reserves—Tam Nai-huen (Sing Tao), Szeto Yin (KMB), Ng Kee-cheung (Kwong Wah), Law King-chun (Sing Tao), Chu Wing-wah (SCAA), Leo Tai-fai (KMB) and Lee Hung-kee (Kit Chee).

Team Captain—Au Chi-yin (Police). Team Manager—Mr. Kwan Si-pang of South China.

TITLE FIGHT

DAI DOWER OUTPOINTS MARSDEN

London, Feb. 8. Dai Dower of Wales outpointed Eric Marsden of Lancashire over 15 rounds here tonight to win the vacant British Flyweight Boxing Championship.

The Lancastrian did his best work in the closing stages when the non-stop Dower was beginning to tire, but he could never gain the ascendancy or peg back the Welshman, who had virtually won the fight at the halfway stage.

Dower started confidently and carried the fight to his opponent after an even first round. From then on he looked much the better man though Marsden shared the honours in the fourth round.

The Welshman, skillfully weaving and ducking to avoid Marsden's long lefts, piled up the points by winning the next five rounds.

Marsden was strong, however, and it needed all Dower's strength, pluck and vigilance to avoid his opponent's left and occasional looping right.

In the 12th round Marsden got home with a very hard right to Dower's jaw which made the Welshman wince.

COASTED THROUGH

Dower coasted through the remaining three rounds, holding his own and hanging on to the big points lead he had built up. The referee did not even consult his card before declaring Dower the victor.

There were scenes of tremendous enthusiasm from the many thousands of Welshmen who had come to London to support the man they believe to be their greatest Flyweight Champion since the halcyon days of the fearless Jimmy Wilde, 46 years ago.

The British title and purse of several thousands of pounds made a nice wedding present for Dower who disclosed after the bout that he had secretly married his childhood sweetheart in Wales last month.—Reuter.

Towel Retains South African Feather Crown

Johannesburg, Feb. 7. Willie Towel, who is due to meet Robert Cohen of France for the World Bantamweight Title tonight, retained his South African feather weight championship when he beat Henry Klopper on a technical knockout here.

Klopper failed to come up for the eighth round.

Benny Nieuwenhuizen, a former jockey, won the vacant South African Welterweight title when he outpointed Chris Vah Rooyen, in a close 12 rounds fight.

Nieuwenhuizen is due to leave South Africa at the end of the month for fights in the United Kingdom.—Reuter.

A REMINDER

It was revealed yesterday that very few entries for the Colony Grass Courts Tennis Championships have been received.

Local tennis players are reminded that entries for these Championships close this afternoon at 5 p.m., and those intending to participate are requested to rush their entry forms to the Treasurer's Office at Hongkong Cricket Club, Chater Road as quickly as possible.

No late entries will be accepted, but the Championship Committee reserves the right to fill vacancies caused by players scratching before they have played their first round matches.

Sports Diary

TODAY

School Inter-school League King's Park. 11:30 a.m. HK Badminton Meeting, Marine House 8:30 p.m. 25 Field Regiment Athletic Meeting, Boundary Street 8:30 p.m. School Championships at Queen's College.

TOMORROW

Senior Mixed Division: Hockey & Y.M.C.A. HKU Basketball. Y.M.C.A. Hockey (Semi-finals and Finals).

FRIDAY

Army, Navy, USA, First A. 8:00 p.m. Badminton. School Championships at Queen's College.

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Damaged cargo on this vessel will
be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard &
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noon for the UNITED KINGDOM via
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BAGGAGE: Passengers are requested to send ALL
BAGGAGE to the Hongkong &
Kowloon Wharf Co's Godown at No. 2
GATE, CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE,
by Noon on Thursday, 10th February.

SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages
carried by passenger themselves, ALL
BAGGAGE must pass through the
Wharf Co's Godown for loading on
board by ship's slings only.

EMBARKATION: Passengers should embark between
9.30 and 11.00 a.m. on Friday, 11th
February, 1955.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

BURMESE COLONISTS ARE TO CULTIVATE COCO ISLANDS Government Venture

Rangoon, Feb. 8.

Burma, a colonial territory herself only seven
years ago, is to start her first colonising venture
shortly in the almost deserted Coco Islands which
are her most southerly possessions.

Four hundred pioneers, including six convicts,
will sail from Rangoon shortly for the Coco
group which lies about 260 miles to the southwest
in the Andaman Sea.

Like the colonists of the 18th
and 19th centuries, they expect
to make themselves a self-
supporting community. But
they will have the advantages
of 20th century science and
technology.

NOT COCOS

The Coco Islands bear no
resemblance to the Cocos to the
southwest of Malaya but take
their name from the coconut
which grows in abundance
there and is the main reason
for this Government-
organised colonising and
development venture.

Until a year ago, few people
were aware that the islands
were Burmese territory. A
house on one of the smaller
islands is maintained by the
Indian Government from its base
in the Andaman Islands. 20
miles to the south while the
coconut plantation was worked
by a private Indian company in
Rangoon.

The company which leased the
concession for 5,500 kyat (about
£420) a year has asked for
compensation of 1,000,000 kyat
about £76,000 now that this
license has been revoked.
In November, 1953 the Bur-
mese Prime Minister, U. Nu,
and a party of officials visited
the islands and returned with
great enthusiasm, not only for
their beauty but for the poten-
tial source of wealth which they
could be to Burma.

Interest in the islands dated
from this time and the Govern-
ment immediately began to plan
for their development.
During the war, Japanese
troops garrisoned them and
made an air strip which is now
to be repaired so that a regular
service with the mainland can
be started.

84,000 PALMS

Great Coco, on which the
pioneers will settle, is about
eight miles long and two
miles wide. A plantation
of 1,200 acres containing
about 84,000 coconut palms
already exists and it is
estimated that at least a
further 5,000 acres can be
made fit for plantations.

The settlers will also examine
the possibility of other forms of

cultivation and experts are to
be sent from Rangoon to see
whether there are any mineral
deposits worth exploiting.

Until the airstrip is completed,
the settlers will be completely
cut off from the mainland
during the monsoon and in times
of bad weather for the rugged
coastline affords no safe anchorage.

Even in calm weather only
vessels of shallow draft can
move close to the shore and for
this reason the colonists are to
use a tank landing craft to bring
heavier supplies from ships to
the beach.

Thus the plan is to make the
colony as self-sufficient as
possible from the start and the
settlers have accordingly been
very carefully selected.

Most of the first 400 came
from the Delta region of
southern Burma, where they
have had experience as coconut
growers.

INCLUDES EX-CONVICTS

But in addition to cultiva-
tors, the party will include
doctors and nurses, men-
talists, electricians, carpenters,
masons, mechanics and ex-
convicts, who spent their
"time" learning how to
manufacture coal products.

Each family will be paid a
wage by the Government which
will run the coconut industry
and all the settlers will be sup-
plied with food free until
agriculture gets under way.—
China Mail Special.

More Money In Rubbish Heaps

London, Feb. 1.

Communist China's offi-
cial mouthpiece has com-
plained that peasants in
two villages near Anshan,
China's steel centre in
Manchuria, were finding
it more "profitable" to
scavenge from "rubbish
heaps" than to farm.
It reported that some
farmers in Tungshai and
Cheng-an-pao villages had
made enough money to
support their families by
selling waste materials
picked up from "garbage"
dumped by trucks from the
Anshan Steel and Iron
Works.

"No matter at what hour
of the day or night, as soon
as a garbage truck arrives,
over 200 villagers, male and
female, old and young, rush
to see what they can pick
up from the rubbish
heaps," the official Chinese
Communist Party news-
paper, Peking People's
Daily, said.
"This profitable second-
ary occupation is inter-
esting with the peasants'
interest in farming," the
Daily wrote.—China Mail
Special.

Margot Fonteyn On Honeymoon

New York, Feb. 8.

Senior Roberto Arias, who
will be the new Panamanian
Ambassador to the United King-
dom, and his bride of two days,
Miss Margot Fonteyn, ballerina
of Sadler's Wells, London, left
on a BOAC plane today for a
honeymoon in Nassau. There
they will board Senior Arias'
yacht the Edmar for a stay of a
week or more.

Senior Arias said they may
return direct to London on
either February 18 or 19 instead
of returning via New York as
originally planned.—United
Press.

Hopes Of Kashmir Settlement

London, Feb. 8.

The Pakistan Prime
Minister, Mr Mohammed
Ali, said here tonight that
he hoped some "definite
step forward" will be
taken in the Kashmir dis-
pute next month when he
is due to meet Indian Pre-
mier, Mr Jawaharlal
Nehru.

Since the partition of the
sub-continent of India in 1947,
no decision has been reached as
to whether Kashmir should be-
come a part of Pakistan or
India.

The Pakistan Premier, who
recovered from his recent in-
disposition, was speaking to the
London Pakistan Society.

Turning to the Kashmir dis-
pute, Mr Mohammed Ali de-
clared: "Given goodwill on both
sides, I am confident that this
dispute can be peacefully re-
solved. Despite the dark
clouds that hang over the Far
East today the international
scene presents a brighter picture
than it did 20 months ago."—
France-Press.

Radio Hongkong

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6 Time Signal and Programme
Summary, 6.03, Lucky Dip —
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Report; 7 Time Signal and World
News (London Relay); 7.10, Com-
mentary (London Relay) or Special
Announcements; 7.15, "Fleet Fin-
gers" (Concert Hall); 7.20, "Twenty
Questions" from the Missions to Seamen.
Question Master: Patrick Butler;
The Team: Faith Butler, Dorothy
Seaton, John Little, Paddy Sheehan
(Recorded); 8, "Record Review"
presented by Timothy Birch
(Studio); 8.30, Re-Armament in
Western Europe. A talk by William
Courtney, O.B.E. (Studio); 8.45,
Recital by Valentine Abaza (violin);
Harry Oza (piano) (Concert Hall);
9.10, Wednesday Theatre "Disputed
Barricade" — A play for radio by
Henry Gibbs, produced by
Cicely Finn (BBC7); 10.05, Box-
ing Flyweight Championships, Great
Britain and British Empire Bat-
tles of Abercromby v. Eric Mar-
den of St. Helen's (Recorded Com-
mentary by Raymond Glendinning
(Recorded London Relay); 10.55,
Weather Report; 11, Time Signal
and News Item (Recorded London
Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; God
Save The Queen; 11.20, Close Down

OUR WEEKLY AVIATION NEWS



This is a picture of the new Blackburn Beverley of the type ordered in quantity for the RAF Transport Command. It is powered by four Bristol Centaurus engines and can cruise at 225 m.p.h.

The RAF Beverley Makes Its Maiden Flight

The first Blackburn
Beverley of a fleet ordered
for Transport Command of
the Royal Air Force has
made its maiden flight.

The Beverley is one of
Britain's largest landplanes,
a monster aircraft with a
payload of over 20 tons, de-
signed for dropping para-
chutists and their support
weapons including guns and
trucks, as well as for normal
transport duties.

The pilot for the flight was
Harold Wood, chief test pilot

of Blackburn and General Air-
craft Limited, and winner of the
1934 King's Cup Air Race,
who, at 52 years of age, is the
doyen of Britain's corps of test
pilots.

In spite of its sixty tons of
loaded weight, the Beverley
does not require the long con-
crete runways which have
become a feature of modern
aerodromes. It can take off from
a grass field only a thousand
yards in length, so that
Beverleys will be able to
operate almost anywhere in the
world where air transport has
obtained a footing, even from
undeveloped airstrips.

Some idea of the versatility
of the new RAF transport can
be gained from the loads it can
carry. It has already been
flown carrying a ten-ton ex-
cavator, indicating its value as
a transport for the equipment
of the airfield construction
companies which play a vital
role in modern war.

In the supply of heavy wea-
pons, the Beverley can drop 25
pounder field guns, heavy anti-
tank weapons and their towing
vehicles, by parachute.

A full aircraft complement of
parachute infantry would be
several men, so that a squadron
of Beverleys could carry a
complete airborne battalion into
action.

As a flying tanker, the sixty-
ton plane can carry a load of
6,000 gallons of fuel, and in a
peaceful role, adapted for the
carriage of livestock, it can lift
as many cattle as fifteen rail-
way trucks.

ECONOMICS

The economics of operating
the huge transport are particu-
larly good. Over short ranges,
its costs work out at less than
9d per ton mile. For all its
weight and its 162-foot wing-
span, the Beverley is not slow
by freighter standards. It can
cruise at 225 m.p.h.

Its engines are four Bristol
Centaurus, a well-proven piston
design. Each engine delivers
2,850 horse power, and its ac-
proved life between overhauls
has recently been raised to
1,250 hours.

Even at the maximum all-up
weight of sixty tons, the
Beverley can climb on only
three of its four engines to five
thousand feet and it can
maintain altitude with two
engines stopped, using half its
designed power.

The plane is equipped with
braking propellers, but when
using wheel brakes only it can
land in under seven hundred
yards. At full load, using the
braking propellers and wheel
brakes, the landing run is
shortened to 310 yards.

Production of the R.A.F.
Beverleys is ahead of schedule,
and the target date for the first
flight of a production aircraft
was beaten by a satisfactory
margin.

In the production of modern
jet and piston aero-engines, a
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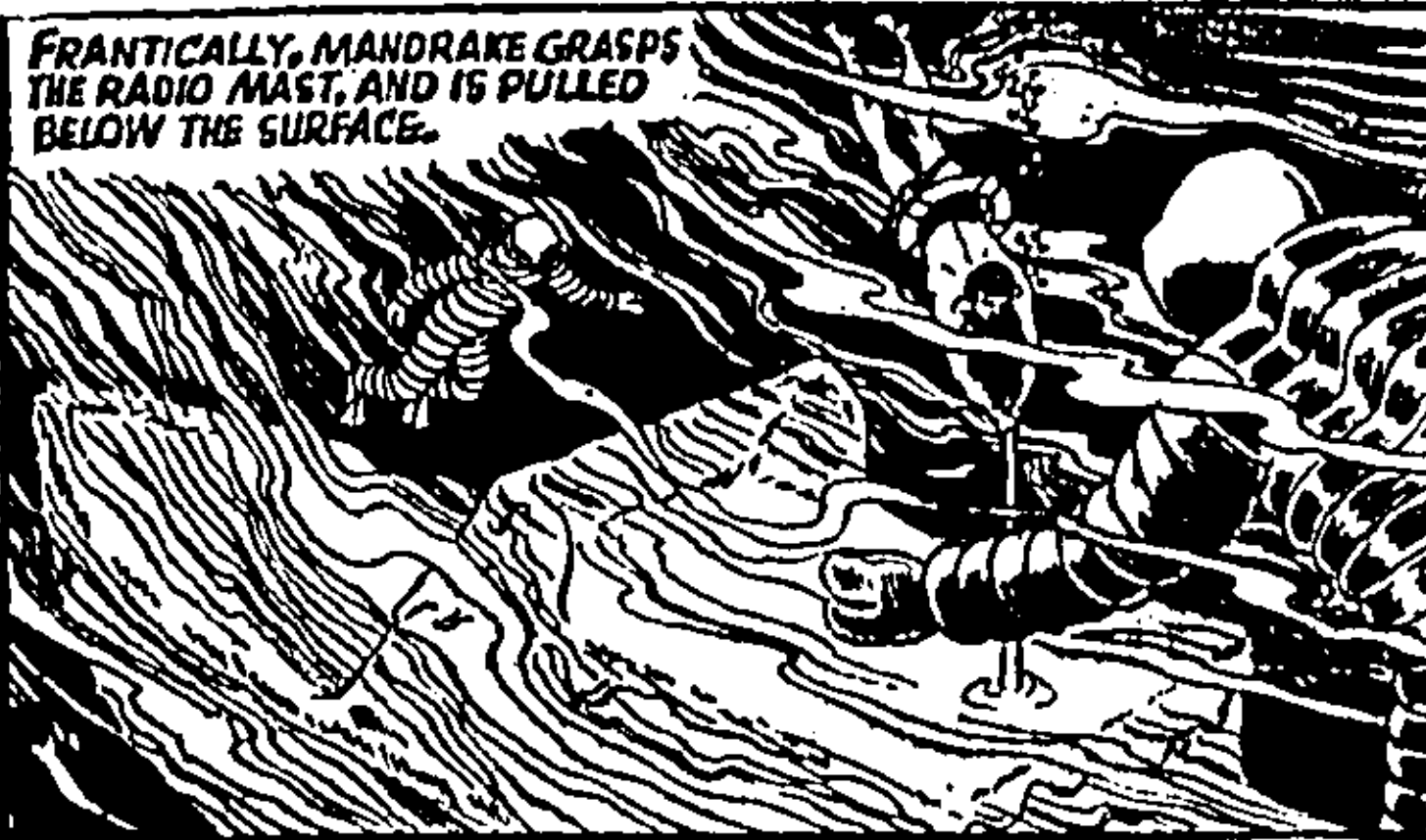
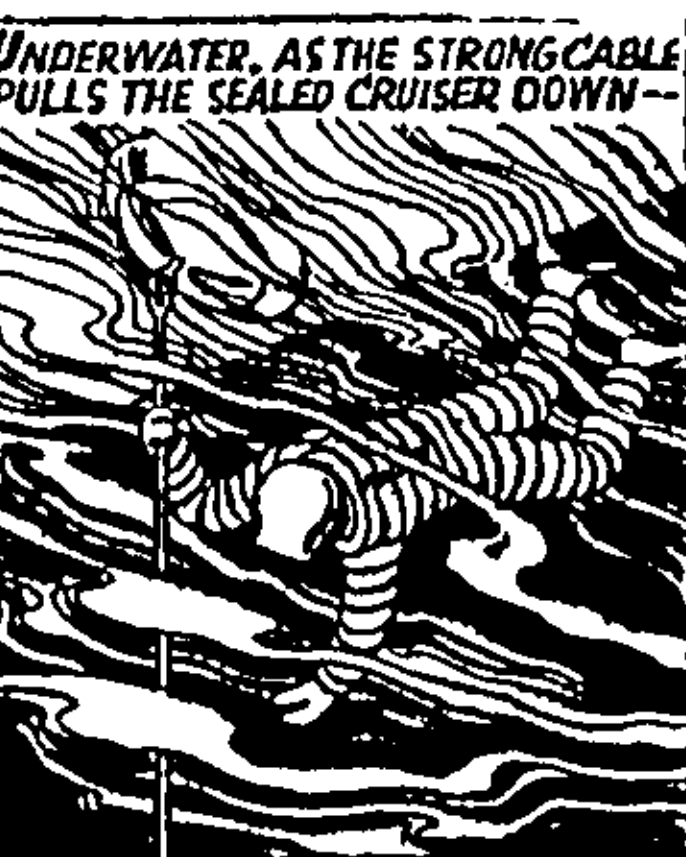
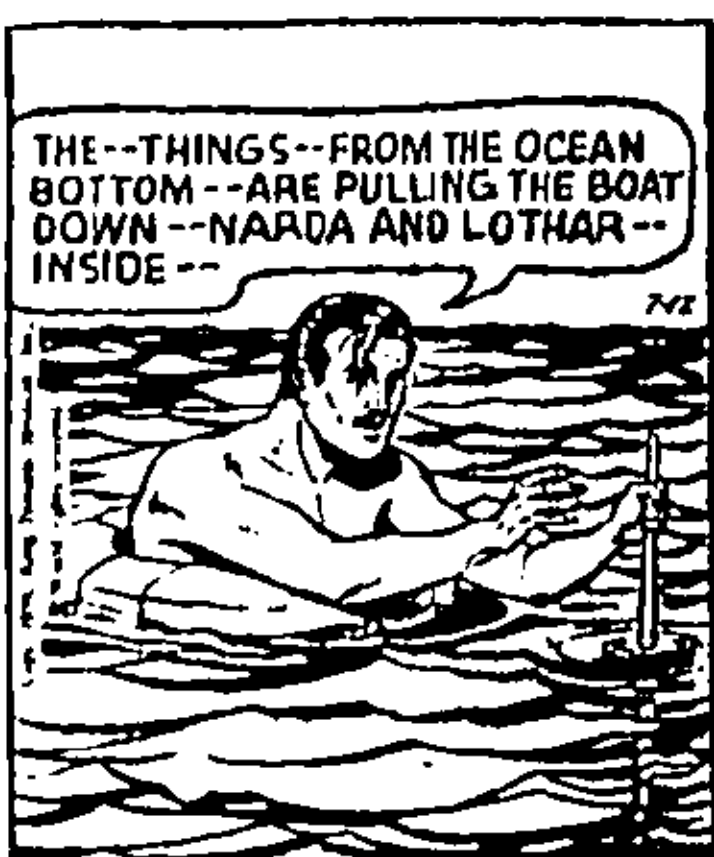
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Flexible Hermetite can be
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pleted. If the surfaces are
smooth, one coat on each face
is enough.

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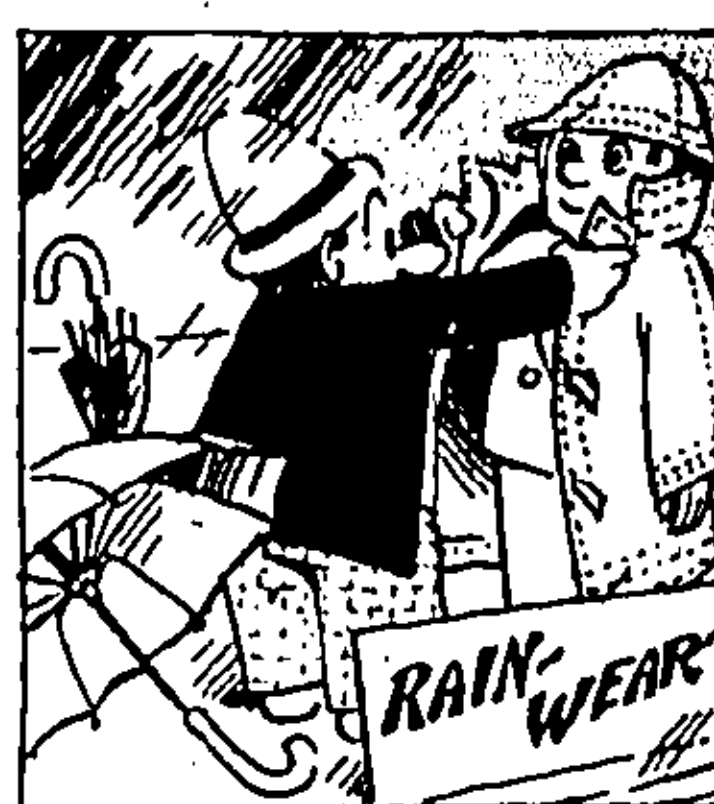
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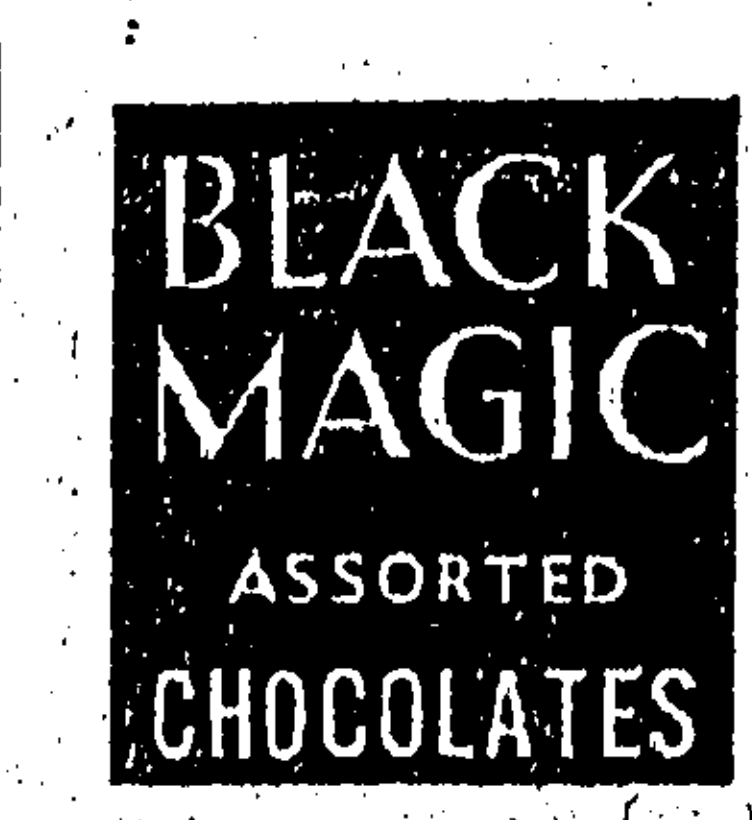
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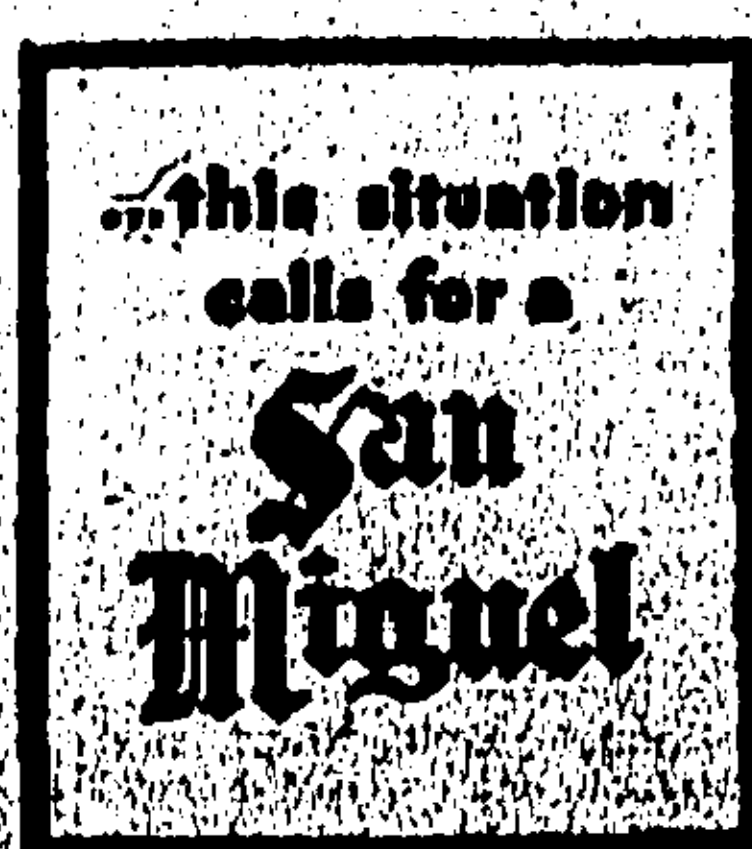
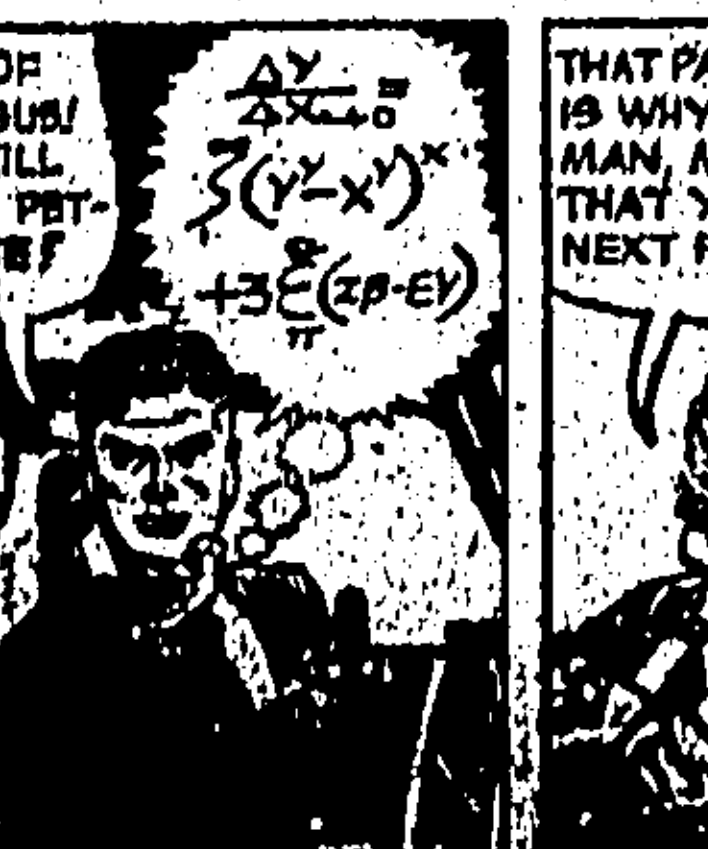
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Free trip

THERE are men who think that somewhere in these islands Utopia lies. Closing their watery eyes, these dream of a town where incomes always exceed expenditure, and rates and taxes are forbidden naughty words.

Drink flows in the dream town, work is frowned upon, racehorses and greyhounds run as true to form as the Greenwich time signal.

Perhaps because it has been billed so often as a boom town, many of these hopeful ones decide that Luton is the town that they have dreamed about.

To Luton they journey and make that shattering discovery there that booms are built upon man-hours of work.

They hurry to the station then, inquire about the trains to London and buy themselves a platform ticket. Then, when a train from the north come in they slip aboard.

FLIGHT

THE platform-docket business would appear to be booming in Luton, like all others.

On board the train, travelling ticket-inspectors pick up the optimists. At St. Pancras there is a policeman handy to take care of non-fare-paying passengers, who, in due course, arrive in the dock at Clerkenwell, as Joseph did, the other day.

Joseph is a well set up man, 37 years old, who succumbed to the lure of Luton then fled in the face of the enemy—work.

At Clerkenwell he pleaded guilty to travelling by train without having a ticket or the means to buy one.

AN IRISH DRINK?

A POLICEMAN told the story to Mr. Frank Powell, and added: "This man refused to answer any questions about himself, when he was charged, but he has been identified at Scotland Yard."

"He was known, was he?" the magistrate inquired.

"Yes, sir, there are 82 previous convictions," the policeman said. "He was last released from prison ten days ago. He was born in Ulster, and on him, when he was arrested, he had a bottle containing cold tea mixed with surgical spirit."

"Is that an Irish drink?" Mr. Powell asked.

"I don't know, sir. It smells like methylated spirits. He has a number of convictions for being drunk on surgical spirits. There are 14 convictions, too, for travelling without paying the fare."

PRETTY FAR GONE

THE magistrate turned to Joseph. "What do you want to say?" he asked.

Joseph twirled his hat in his hand, as if embarrassed at the invitation. "Can't say I remember much about it," he said at last. "I was pretty far gone."

"Where do you live?"

"I been living in Luton," and he shuddered at the memory of a town that had so much energy.

"Is there anything else you want to say?"

RETURN TO DREAMING

JOSEPH mumbled almost to himself, for a moment or two, slurred words that no one in court could make head or tail of. He seemed not to expect or desire to be understood.

"It's quite clear that you are a public nuisance," said the magistrate. "The maximum fine for this is £5 or one month. I shall impose that."

"Also, you will find a surety of £30 to be of good behaviour for 12 months. If you fail to find a surety, you must now go to prison for six months."

Joseph nodded equably, and turned, and went away to resume in a cell his dreaming of Utopia that, without surgical spirit to improve his vision, seemed somehow, farther and further away.

U.S. Conscription Approved

Washington, Feb. 8: The House of Representatives today extended military conscription for four years.

The new law, voted by a substantial majority, provides that Americans aged 18½ will have two years' active service, followed by six years on the reserve.

The House decided to move rapidly in this legislation because of the current international situation. The Senate still has to give its approval of the measure.

—France Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Poor girl! Since they became engaged he's lounging around every night, looking almost as slouchy as you!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HK Council Of Social Services

Sir,—May we be allowed, through your columns, to draw attention to the work of the Hongkong Council of Social Services?

The Council consists of representatives of twenty-nine voluntary welfare bodies, three representatives of Associate Members, two co-opted members and four Government Observers. Its work is to coordinate the activities of the member organisations, to promote new welfare projects, and to give information on all aspects of voluntary welfare work. It is also empowered to raise funds to further its work, and to make grants in response to appeals from other bodies.

Many of the member organisations have their own fund-raising activities and also appeal to the public, as can be seen by the daily list of acknowledgments of donations published in the press. The Council has itself from time to time sponsored a film presentation.

Up to now it has felt that it should not make a large public appeal, as it would be taking funds from those organisations which administer direct relief.

However, we would like to emphasise that we ourselves receive nothing from our members in fees and we should be glad to receive donations and contributions to help cover the expenses of the day to day work.

There are two ways in which the public can be of great assistance in this matter. First, by simply making a direct donation to the Council; and secondly, by becoming Associate Members. An Associate Member is one who, while not necessarily devoted to supporting one specific charity, has a general interest in promoting social welfare work among the distressed and poor in Hongkong. By paying a minimum annual subscription of \$25, Associate Members contribute to this work, and are also entitled to elect three members from among all the Associates to represent them on the Executive Committee of the Council, and to stand for such election, and to attend the quarterly Full Council meetings. An Associate Member can thus take an active part in the Council's work, and has an opportunity to make suggestions for future projects.

One of the most important parts of the Council's work is assuming responsibility for new social experiments, either by temporarily operating a new service, or by promoting a society to operate it. Two examples of this are the Family Welfare Society and the Hongkong Housing Society, both of which are now independent bodies having representatives on the Council, which originally launched them. Present examples of new projects are represented in the Council's two sub-committees, on the care of mental defective and on the publication of children's books (in Chinese). Work on these two undertakings has recently begun and it is hoped to produce results shortly. There is also a project for the establishment of a small handicraft shop to

HK Police Officer's Big Appointment

Assistant Superintendent Brian F. Stevin of the Hongkong Police Force has been appointed Assistant Supervisor for Colonial Police Training at the Hendon Police College, England. It was learned today.

Mr Stevin's appointment is for two years and he will leave Hongkong shortly on secondment to take up his new post.

Prior to this appointment, Mr Stevin held the post of Commandant of the Hongkong Police Training School, Divisional Superintendent of Traffic and A.D.C. to H.E. Alexander Grantham.

He is 28 years old. A senior member of the Police force held the China Mail this morning that Mr Stevin's appointment was a recognition of the general standard of efficiency of the Hongkong Police among British colonial Police forces.

Hunan's New Governor

Mr Ch'eng Ch'ien, formerly a Kuomintang General, was elected Governor of Hunan, the native province of Mr. Mao Tse-tung, at the 1st Provincial Assembly meeting on Monday, states a Hunan report.

General Ch'eng, born 1881 in Hunan, was appointed Commander of the National Defence Army to oppose Yuan Shih-kai's attempt to make himself Emperor in 1916. He had run for the Vice-Presidency during the National Assembly in Nanking just shortly before the Communist took over China.

He joined the Changsha uprising in August 1949, and became a senior official in the Hunan Province under the Communists.

Among seven other Deputy Governors elected in the same meeting was General Tang Sheng-chi, formerly of the Nationalist Army.

exhibit the work of these member organisations and others who make handicrafts for sale, such as carriages, boys' and girls' clubs, etc.

May we ask for the co-operation of individual members of the community by (1) donations and (2) contributions and direct or indirect participation as Associate Members? As stated, the minimum subscription for Associates is \$25, but it is always open to Members to make a larger contribution if they so desire.

All such donations and subscriptions should be sent to the Secretary, Hongkong Council of Social Services, room 403, China Building, who will be glad to give any further information required about the work of the Council.

M. MANSFIELD, S.J., Chairman
JAMES WICKES, Hon. Treasurer
RUTH KIRBY, Secretary

Quie Case: Defence Counsel Begins Final Address DESCRIBES PLAINTIFF AS "LITIGIOUS GENTLEMAN"

In his final address to the Jury in the Quie case, Senior Crown Counsel, Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr labelled the plaintiff, Mr Joseph Leslie Quie "a really litigious gentleman" and submitted that his whole case had been entirely misconceived.

The Jury were not to decide whether there had been an error of judgment which resulted in Mr Quie being in the Mental Hospital, but they had to be satisfied that the three defendant doctors had been culpably negligent, said Counsel.

"It is whether or not those entrusted with the duties of finding out whether the poor unfortunate was of unsound mind or not have taken reasonable steps, and exercised reasonable care in their investigation," said Mr Blair-Kerr. He added that the onus was on the plaintiff to prove negligence.

Defendants are Dr P. M. Yap, Government psychiatrist and medical officer-in-charge of the Mental Hospital, Dr S. H. Moore of the Medical Department and Prof. A. J. S. McDade of Queen Mary Hospital.

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Mr Quie is represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, Mr Lawrence Leong and Mr R. W. S. Winter all instructed by Mr M. A. Davis.

Defendants are represented by Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, and Mr J. C. McRobert, Crown Counsel.

The hearing is before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, and a Jury.

Mr Blair-Kerr told the Jury that they were the sole judges of the facts, in other words, whether or not any particular person was negligent, whether or not any particular person acted in good faith, and whether or not there was reasonable cause. This sort of question was entirely the province of the Jury alone.

On the other hand, Mr Justice Gould was the sole judge of all matters of law and his directions on the law must be taken without question. If anything that Counsel on both sides said regarding the law were at variance with the Lordship's views then the Jury would must be taken without question.

Mr Blair-Kerr went on to say: "This is a very strange type of action. It must have struck you that the usual type of action against a person, such as a medical man, is for failing to diagnose something, which really is the result that the patient either dies or some untoward consequence ensues. Here you have the extraordinary position of three doctors being sued for diagnosing something which the plaintiff says was not there. One almost feels that from the word 'Go' that in a situation of that kind, given reasonable skill on the part of the doctors concerned, and in the absence of bad faith, it is almost impossible for an action of this kind to succeed."

"For example if there seems to be a subtle conspiracy between the various doctors and members of the Quie family then of course it is possibly understandable, but in the absence of anything like that it seems almost inconceivable that these doctors, highly qualified and carrying out their duties as doctors, should be faced with an action of this kind and said to be negligent when they have nothing to explain or lose by carrying out their professional duties."

5 PEOPLE INVOLVED

Crown Counsel explained why Dr A. H. R. Coombes (who granted the application for Mr Quie's observation) and Mr Hin-shing Lo (who counter-signed the certificate of insanity) were not "rope'd" into the action as well.

He told the Jury: "Having read the Mental Hospital's Ordinance you will notice the care with which the Legislature has prescribed the various steps which must be taken before anyone is certified of unsound mind. It must have struck you during the course of these lengthy proceedings that there were at least five people involved in the certification of Mr Quie. First of all there was Prof. McDade who made the application to a Justice of the Peace on March 14. Then the application was granted by Dr Coombes and Mr Quie, was

suffers derangement of the mind and has to be cared for until he is improved in his mental state of health.

Mr Blair-Kerr said the plaintiff's side, well knowing they had no case, concentrated in a particular way. They got hold of the certificates and because they wanted to know as much about the case before it began they presented the defendants with a long list of questions. The doctors gave the best answers they could from memory and the plaintiff's side were thus given a picture before the case started of what was left in the memory of the defendants.

APT WORD COINED

"They took these bits of paper, these answers to the interrogatories and split up various things, sometimes they even split a sentence. Then they say to you 'Now, what about this? Is that enough to form a basis of insanity of a person? No. Therefore directed it. And they take another bit and say the same, and so on. And then they finish up by saying as each bit is valueless, therefore the whole lot is valueless. The word 'fragmentation' was coined. It is one of the most apt words I have heard for this," said Mr Blair-Kerr.

He continued: "Surely even we laymen know that doctors do not diagnose in that way. It is every symptom in relation to every other symptom which gives a doctor that pattern or picture. You yourselves would not judge a criminal case in the way they have put to you."

Crown Counsel went on to give instances of various circumstances in a hypothetical criminal case.

He then declared: "Most of the evidence which has been called by the plaintiff in support of his preposterous action for negligence has gone on these lines 'Take this, it is no good by itself, therefore the whole lot is no good.'"

"All the way through the last four weeks there has been argument over labels, terms, such as 'maniacal', 'flight of ideas', 'grandiose ideas'. Books have been quoted, endeavours have been made to say to you that the use of these terms was unjustified. What does it matter whether the words are used in terms and labels used in the long run? It really does not matter. Supposing Prof. McDade, if you believe him, after investigations came to the honest opinion that Mr Quie was mentally deranged and put it generally on the form 'The man is nuts'. Would that affect the care and the honesty which he arrived at the conclusion? Perhaps he expressed it badly or colloquially. Would Dr Dawson-Grove be said to be negligent because he in an honest endeavour to help the Quie family said to Prof. McDade 'Alec, do you think Joe Quie is crackers? Something which no doctor puts on a certificate, but is it a lack of care or skill or honesty? Are all these men to be judged because they expressed themselves badly or colloquially? Surely not."

ARGUMENTS ON WORDS

"That is all that has happened in these four weeks: arguments on these words which make us feel sick."

Mr Blair-Kerr said that the plaintiff's case really was based on the evidence of two witnesses. The first was Mr Quie himself.

He went on to review Mr Quie's evidence and ended by saying that in fact Mr Quie was drinking himself to death and in June 1951 he was "a broken man in body, if not in mind as well."

Mr Quie endeavoured to give his explanations of the extraordinary conduct stated in the answers to the interrogatories, said Mr Blair-Kerr.

"I submit that these explanations were after-thoughts, after he had the answers to these interrogatories in his hands, he added."

"The real point of his evidence is that he did not cast the single doubt on the fact that Dr Yap received all that mass of evidence. He said he watched Dr Yap to have both sides of the picture and therefore admitted that there had been considerable discussion between them."

The most extraordinary thing about Mr Quie's evidence, said Mr Blair-Kerr, was that although he denied or tried to explain every allegation made by Mrs Quie, Dr Dawson-Grove and various other instruments.

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he was quite unable to give any reason why Mrs Quie should have said everything against him. I asked him that time and time again and he could not give a reason why every person connected could have said anything untrue against him. Even now he cannot give any reason why his wife or anyone else should say untrue things about him.

"It is a matter for you Jury whether you believe anything he says or not, or whether you believe Mrs Quie who was the principal informant in this matter of getting a history of Mr Quie prior to his certification. I will say now that Mrs Quie struck me, it is a matter for you, but you may feel that in her own simple way she was one of the most apparently reliable truthful persons that you have ever seen. Does it surprise you if you come to that conclusion that this lady impressed all who came in contact with her as being a reliable, truthful good wife to Mr Quie?"

Hearing is continuing.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9
By Air
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon & Mauritius, 9 a.m.
Japan, 9 p.m.
Switzerland, Denmark, Norway & Sweden, 9 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Macao, 9 p.m.
By Surface
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Malaya, Ceylon, Great Britain & Europe, 9 a.m.
Japan, 9 a.m.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii & U.S.A., 1 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 9 p.m.
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 1 p.m.
By Surface
China, Peking, Hankow, 9:30 a.m.
Szechwan, 9 a.m.
Macao, 9 a.m.
Japan, 9 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Gt. Britain & Europe, 9 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Korea, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10
By Air
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Malaya, Ceylon, Great Britain & Europe, 9 a.m.
Japan, 9 a.m.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii & U.S.A., 1 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 9 p.m.
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 1 p.m.
By Surface
China, Peking, Hankow, 9:30 a.m.
Szechwan, 9 a.m.
Macao, 9 a.m.
Japan, 9 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Gt. Britain & Europe, 9 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Korea, 10 a.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11
By Air
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Malaya, Ceylon, Great Britain & Europe, 9 a.m.
Japan, 9 a.m.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii & U.S.A., 1 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 9 p.m.
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 1 p.m.
By Surface
China, Peking, Hankow, 9:30 a.m.
Szechwan, 9 a.m.
Macao, 9 a.m.
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Resignation Letter

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industry. Only its implementation will create the necessary conditions for a real upsurge in the production of all essential commodities for popular consumption.

"It can be expected that various bourgeois cliques will make hysterical noises over my present statement, and the fact that the post of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR has been vacated."

"But we, Communists and Soviet people, will ignore this lying and slander."

"The interests of the Motherland, the people and the Party stand above everything, for every one of us."

A PROMISE

"Expressing this request for my release from the post of Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, I wish to assure the Supreme Soviet that in a new post, I will, under the guidance of the Central Committee of the Party—honorable in its unity and solidarity—and the Soviet Government, perform in the most conscientious manner the duty and the functions entrusted to me."

The Supreme Soviet adopted the resolution: "To accept the resignation of Comrade Malenkov and to release him from the duties of Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers."

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